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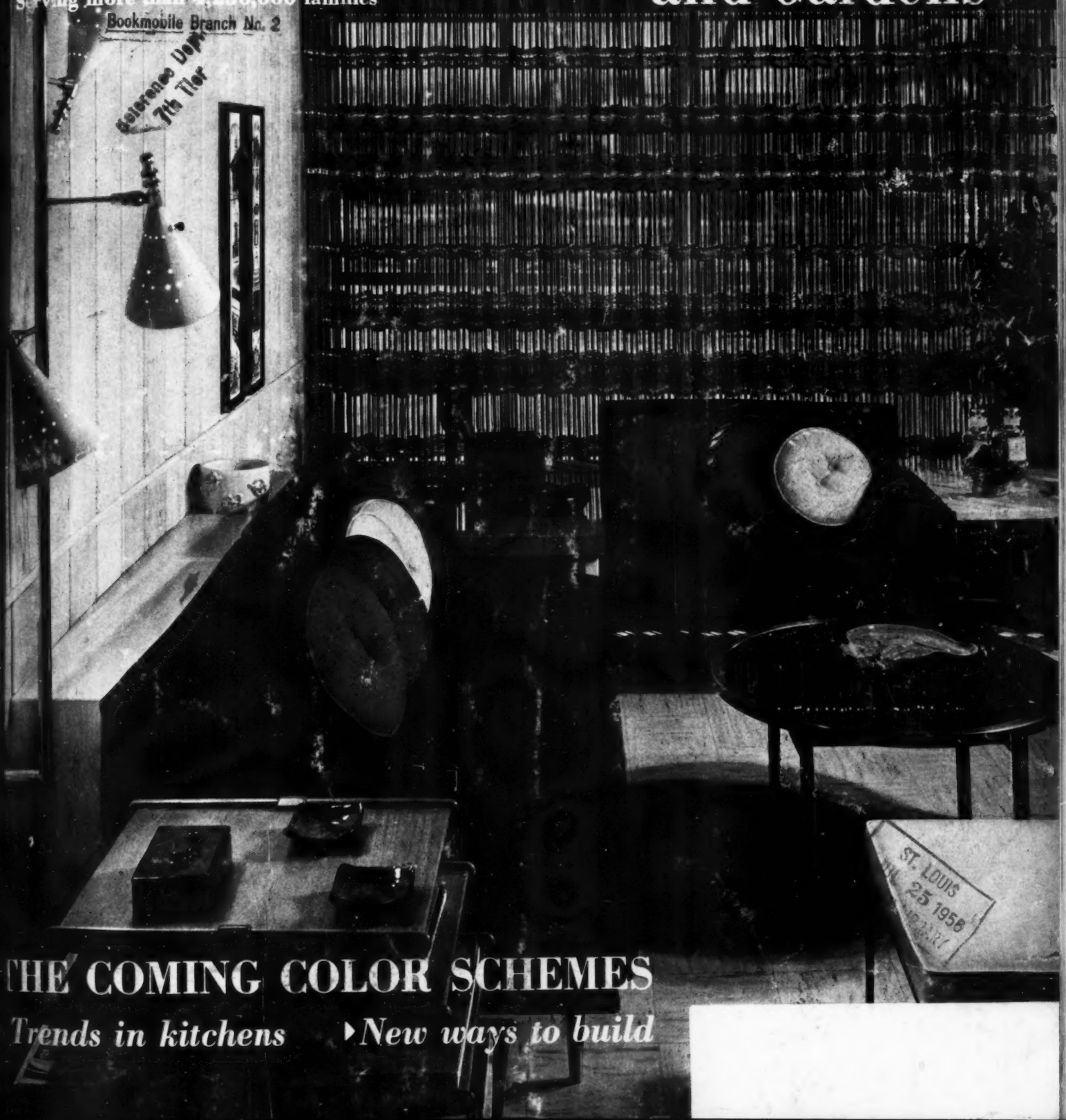

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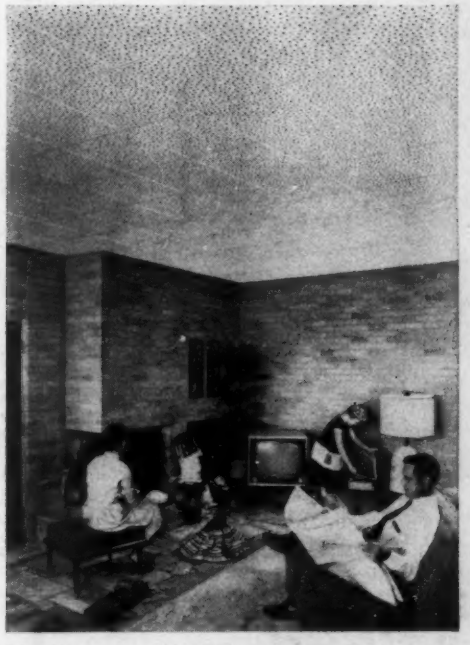

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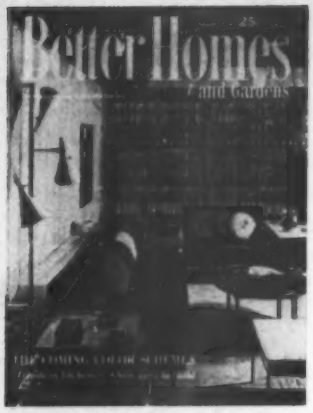

A blend of blues and greens, one of the dominant new color notes, sets the scene in the Marshall Goldberg's family room, Glencoe, Illinois. The news about what's striking in colors and unusual in combinations begins on page 41. Photograph: Hedrich-Blessing

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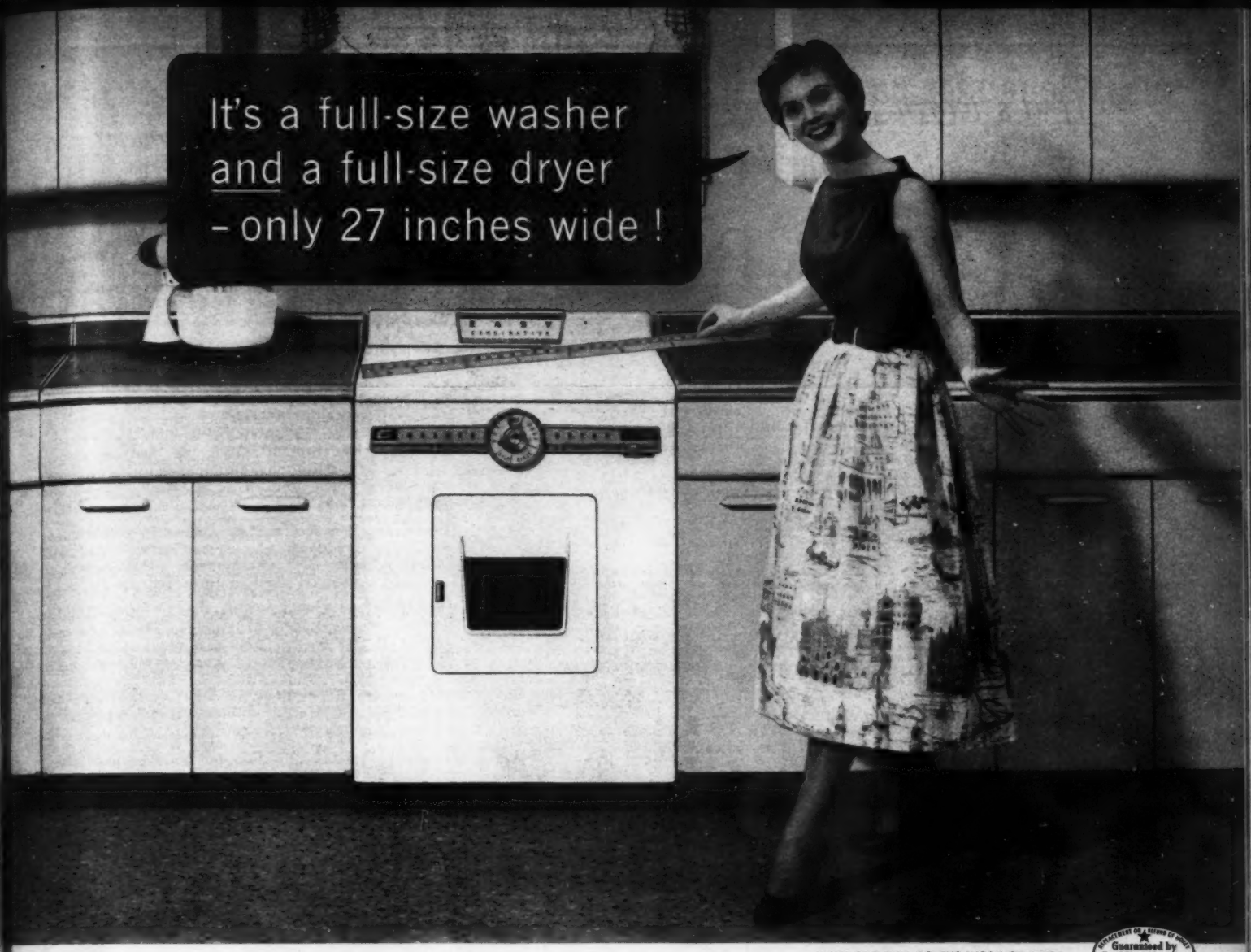

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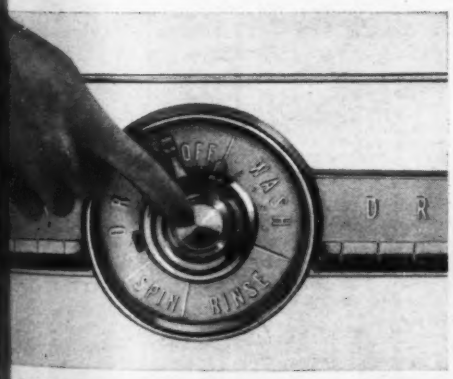

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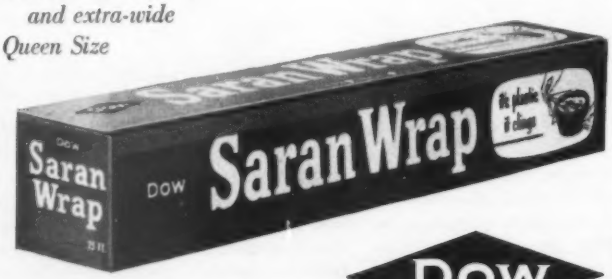

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Which divisions apply to your project?

1. Exteriors: Any improvement from lot line to lot line that makes for a more attractive outside picture, a more useful house and yard. Among many examples: General improvement of house's appearance, such as done by painting, roofing, re-siding. Improvement of design by removal or redesign, say, trimming back an old-fashioned overhang to a more modern roof. Development of any detached structures like garage, garden-storage unit, workshop. Also garden architecture: a trellis, fence, or any improvement through use of plants, trees, shrubs. A pool or a play yard.

2. Interiors: All improvements within confines of existing house, except a kitchen or utility area. This includes improving beauty and practicality of rooms through new furnishings, decorating, papering, and painting. Examples: A dining room made into a family room; bedroom space from a formerly unfinished attic. Updating a bathroom, improving a window area. Putting basement to better use through redesigning, rearrangement—including heating, air conditioning, plumbing equipment. Smaller improvements like a new fireplace, or updating of an old one. Resurfacing a wall or floor.

3. Additions: Any new, enclosed space attached to your house. Examples: A bedroom added to the present house, added space for a bathroom, provision for a family room, a vestibule entry with extra storage, a covered porch, an attached greenhouse.

4. Kitchen-Utility Areas: This covers all kitchens and/or utility areas either remodeled from present space or added, or both. Examples: Better arrangement and updating of kitchen equipment. Increasing kitchen efficiency through better traffic, storage, and work areas. Adding eating space in kitchen. Relocation of utility area to more convenient spot. Your kitchen and utility area may be separate or combined. Repainting and redecorating count as much here as elsewhere.

Remember, you choose the division for your project. Then, after we receive your Final Entry Form, our judges will decide into which of four classes in each division it goes. These classes (A-B-C-D under each division) are based on the scope of the project itself. Thus, all entries compete only with others of equal scope. *A small, inexpensive improvement will have the same chance to win a prize as a large, costly project.*

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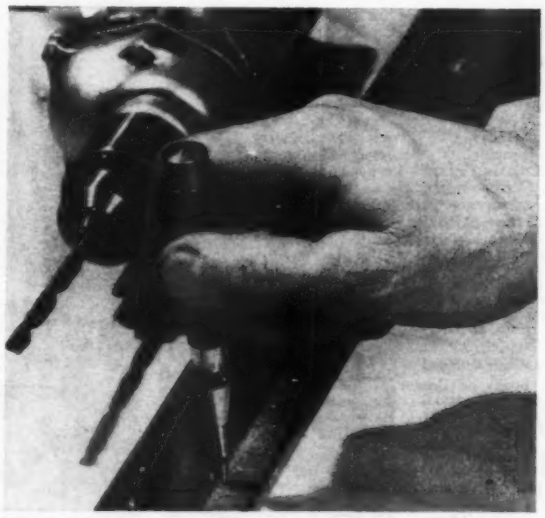

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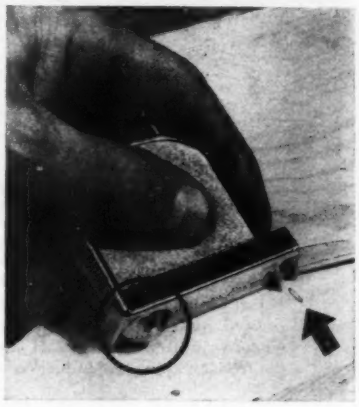

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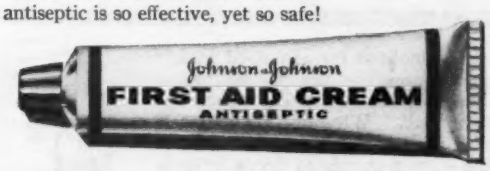

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YOUR PET AND MINE

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# of an injured dog

By Dr. Wayne H. Riser

Muzzle the dog if you must get close to him

For your own safety, a muzzle can be made of a strip of gauze bandage, a shoestring, or any stout cord. Encircle the dog's nose and lower jaw with the cord, drawing it once over the nose, then under the jaw. Finally, extend the cord back of the ears and tie it. This muzzle lets you handle injured dog safely

Photographs: Harriet Arnold

A blanket makes an effective sling

If the dog is seriously injured and he is difficult to lift, try carrying him on a blanket. An overcoat also can be used for a sling in which the animal can be moved with safety and without causing further injury. If the dog indicates he may bite to protect himself, muzzle him before he is rolled onto the blanket

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Constructed of high-density resin overlaid fir plywood, this handsome outdoor dining table is characterized by a charcoal brazier built in center of it for warming or even cooking while meals are being prepared.

Top is 8 feet long, 39 inches wide at the center, and about 24 inches wide at ends. Bench seats are curved.

How garden grille table is assembled

After rough-cutting shape of bench-leg assembly, two pieces of plywood are laminated together. This provides maximum support for the bench back and seat.

Final cutting of each leg unit is done with a band saw or coping saw.

Bottom edges of the table top are beveled with plane, which produces ⅜-inch "thin" edge effect. Overlaid fir plywood—used for this project—has hard, clear surface.

This overlaid plywood is available in gray-green tone or honey color.

When completed, bottom of table looks like this. Twelve-inch hole in center of top is for small charcoal brazier.

Table legs are 1 inch thick—two thicknesses of ½-inch plywood laminated together. Table and benches also can be built of standard fir or medium-density resin overlaid fir plywood. Both can be painted.

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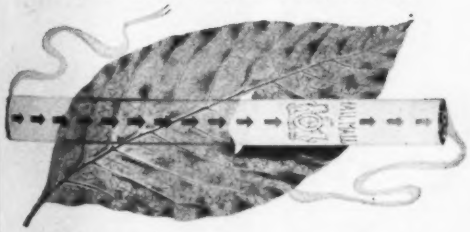

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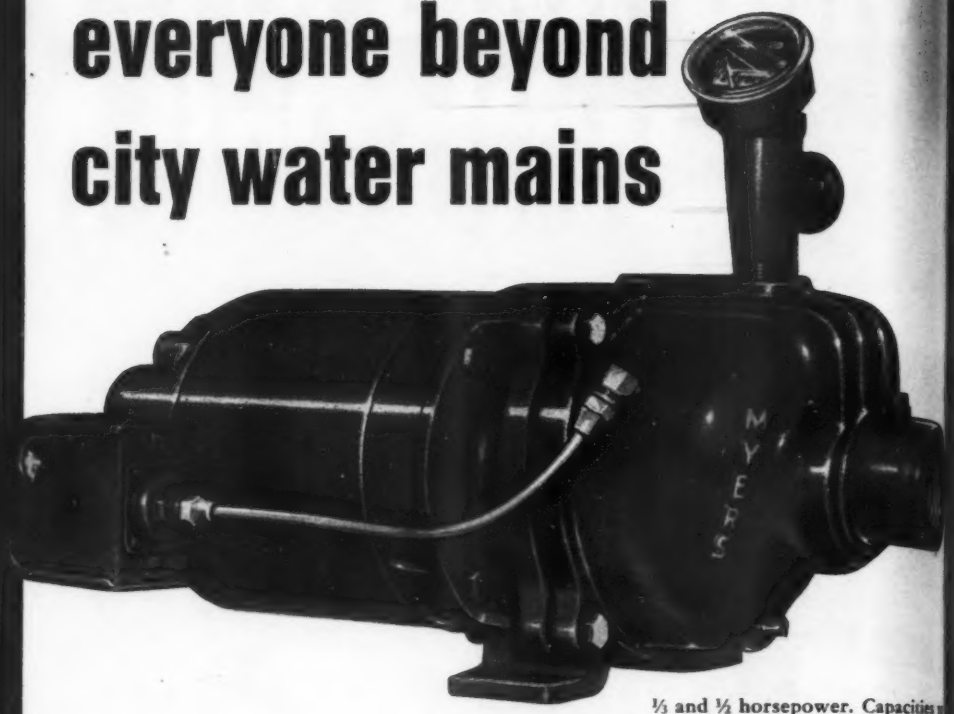

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How they live on $5,000 a year

They aren't kicking—$120 a week is more money than they ever thought they'd have coming in. But with five kids, you shop the sales, pick cherries, give "butch" haircuts, and use home permanents. If you're good with rod or gun you might have pheasant or trout occasionally

By Henry Lee

EDITOR'S NOTE: Have you ever wondered how other families spend their money—how their expenditures for food, clothing, and housing compare with yours? This is not a budget article; it is an intimate report on how an anonymous—but real—family, chosen at random, spends its money. In a succeeding article, Better Homes & Gardens will show how a family in the $10,000-a-year bracket lives.

A rather short, broad-shouldered man in his 30's with the deeply bronzed face of an outdoor worker, Jack W. earns what he once would have considered a princely income.

"When I was in my teens," he says, "the only people whose salary ran into the three figures *weekly* were the local banker and factory owner. They were *the* successful men in the town. Why, back in those days, I would have hired myself out for life for $100 a week."

In the past decade, as a carpenter in a small city of about 18,000 population in central New York State, Jack has almost quadrupled his wages well into the three figures. At $3 hourly for the 40-hour week, plus overtime, he draws down $120-plus weekly. Of course, weather and overtime being equally uncertain, his actual income on a yearly basis is somewhat less, fluctuating around the $5,000 mark, give or take a few hundred dollars either way.

That is still about $100 weekly, but like millions of others in his age-and-income bracket, Jack finds himself in a puzzling economic situation. Moneywise, he feels, he should be well off. The bills and the sketchy budget he keeps tell him otherwise.

At the same time his wages have been soaring beyond his dreams, living costs have been soaring, too; and, you might say, his family has quintupled. He and his pretty brunette wife, Anne, now have five children, three girls and two boys, ranging in age from 4 to 11. Thus, trying to make up for the lost war years, gradually replacing the cheap makeshifts in household accessories which they purchased in the lean, early postwar days, he and Anne have had to squeeze the pennies hard.

Thanks to his type of work and outdoor hobbies, Jack has been able to economize drastically on clothes. Last time he had to buy a suit was back in 1953. If he gets proper wear out of this one-and-only, he figures he won't need another till 1962.

Anne can't remember the last time she visited a beauty parlor in their 12 years of marriage. Neighborhood friends drop in occasionally to give her a home permanent. They entertain very modestly, and though their city boasts a dozen fraternal organizations, Jack belongs only to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. As an economy measure, he long ago gave up smoking two packs of cigarettes every 3 days and now uses a pipe.

For the youngsters, the five birthdays that roll around yearly are frugally celebrated. Each child is limited to inviting one friend to a little family party at home on his or her birthday. However, for some reason the family has forgotten, the eighth birthday is considered a special occasion. Then he invites all the friends he wants to, and there are balloons and 10 prizes for every child.

Jack considers himself rather lucky, all in all. "Things are not the best—nor are they the worst," he says philosophically. "In time, we will succeed in raising a family. They will not have had the best, but we feel we will have done our best."

Only one thing annoys him somewhat. "Some say we have too many children. But to us, each is a billion dollars' worth of love that can never be bought in old age. After they grow up and are married, we can plan for ourselves."

Jack and Anne live on the first floor of a two-family house on a side street and pay less than $40 monthly for their six rooms and bath. "Reason is, my mother-in-law owns the place," Jack says, "and she is very generous with us." Actually, his mother-in-law told me, Jack has done so much skilled carpentry work around the house that she feels in his debt.

From Jack's $120, the government deducts $5.20 Withholding Tax and $2.40 Social Security and New York State takes a weekly 30 cents "disability contribution," leaving him $112.10 take-home. "I don't mind these," he says, "it's the hidden taxes [*Turn to next page*

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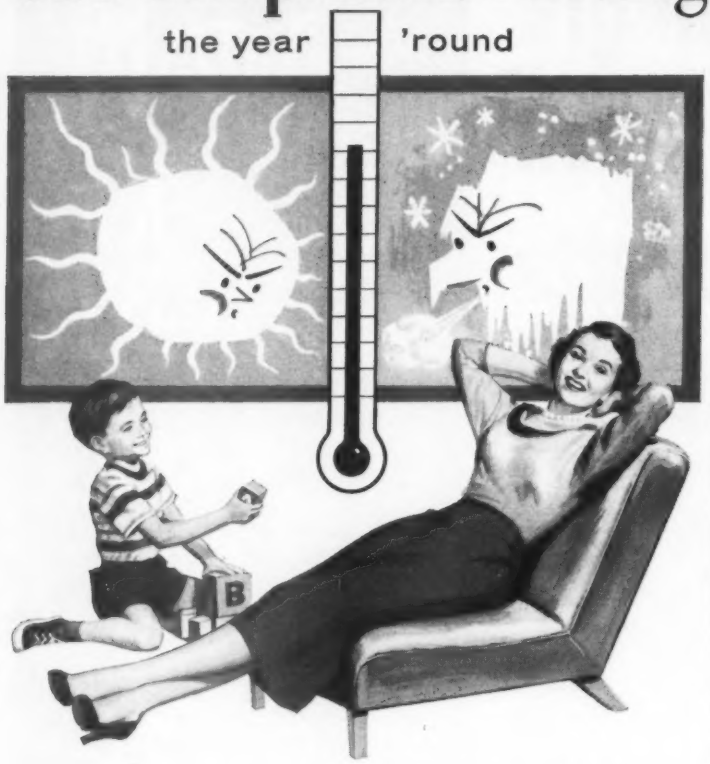

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that tend to break a man's back."

Besides the rent, he budgets for gas and electricity which total $10 monthly, and for coal. The hot-air furnace consumes 9-11 tons yearly at $22.50 per ton. He buys a couple of cords of firewood yearly at a cost of $10 to relieve the spring and fall chill. His water bill is $5 every 3 months.

Life insurance takes a heavy bite each month because Jack carries $1,000 policies for each of the children, which they will receive on reaching age 21, a policy on Anne, and four on his own life.

His total monthly insurance bill is $33.19. His union dues of one hour's pay per month include provision for a $15 monthly pension after age 65.

For insurance, he must also budget $116 for his car and $32.50 fire insurance. Every 2 years, he pays $8 for polio insurance on the children.

The grandson of a Yankee cabinetmaker, Jack has had woodworking in his blood ever since he can remember. In his teens, the family gave him his grandfather's precious chest of old-fashioned hand tools, which turned out to be the best, or worst, thing that ever happened in his life.

With the toolbox, he began playing hooky to go out and work on carpentry jobs. For months, he was punished almost daily, but finally the family gave in and let him quit school.

Like any good craftsman, Jack speaks enthusiastically and lovingly of his tools. For rough work, he keeps a box of tools which cost him $100, but for fine finishing or trim, he still uses his grandfather's chest.

When work is slack, Jack goes outside his trade to bring in a few dollars. He does "exchange work" for local plumbers, electricians, and other tradesmen. The work doesn't bring in any cash, but means that later he can call on them for free work in their specialties. Sometimes, he does odd jobs for farmers, and when the crops come in, he will find sacks of potatoes or other produce on the front porch.

Ever since they were married in 1944, Jack and Anne have dreamed of owning their own home. It was a heartbreaker to them a couple of years ago when the elderly couple next door wanted to sell, and Jack just couldn't swing the $2,000 cash needed to close the deal.

But, in the meantime, during his slack periods, he has practically torn apart and rebuilt his mother-in-law's house. He erected new walls, replaced worn flooring and laid a new hardwood floor in a bedroom. Through his exchange work, he was able to have all the electrical rewiring done at no cost.

In his own downstairs apartment, he has relaid all the floors, replaced the plaster walls with sheet rock, installed new doors, and lowered the ceilings to save on heat. Along with such heavy work, he has repapered and repainted the apartment, added built-in storage space and replaced all the old cupboards. Gradually, he is completing a concrete basement floor.

"After all, I pay low rent, and my mother-in-law is always doing things for us," he says. "I like to repay as best I can."

Before they buy or, preferably, build their own home, Jack and Anne have one major expense ahead. "In the early days, what with the new babies coming, the low salary and the high cost of food, we just managed to stay above water," Jack points out. "So we had to buy secondhand furniture, and now we have to replace it, a little at a time, when I have the money."

The W.'s have their sights on a dining-room set at $150 to $200, a bedroom suite which will cost them about $150, and three or four rugs.

A few months ago, Jack bought a $269 automatic washer for Anne, paying down the $26.90 carrying charges. Over the next year and a half he will be paying $15 monthly on the washer. Anne has her heart set on a $200 clothes dryer which will be financed the same way.

Jack isn't very enthusiastic about installment buying, but says philosophically, "It sure takes the pain out of the pocketbook when some large item is needed badly."

The family's health has generally been good, and medical bills, at least thus far, have been minimal. Anne once needed some expensive bridgework which would cost $100 locally. However, through friends, she located a young dentist in a town 25 miles away and had the work done there at half the price.

"For the children, our public schools are just wonderful," Anne says. "They get free vaccine and polio shots, dental examinations, even foot inspections. Our oldest girl was sent to a posture clinic free of charge." Routine school eye tests also disclosed that the 11-year-old needed glasses, and these must be changed yearly, at a cost of $18 to $25.

To get to construction jobs, often over rough roads and carrying heavy loads of tools and lumber, Jack buys a 3-year-old medium-price car every 2 years to avoid major repair bills. "My kind of car can really take it," he says loyally. Right now, he is driving a 1953 four-door sedan valued at about $1,250, but his dealer promised him the first station wagon that comes in on a trade. Both for his work and for recreation, taking the kids to the nearby lakes every summer weekend, he finds a station wagon most practical.

Both Jack and Anne handle the money as it comes in, putting aside

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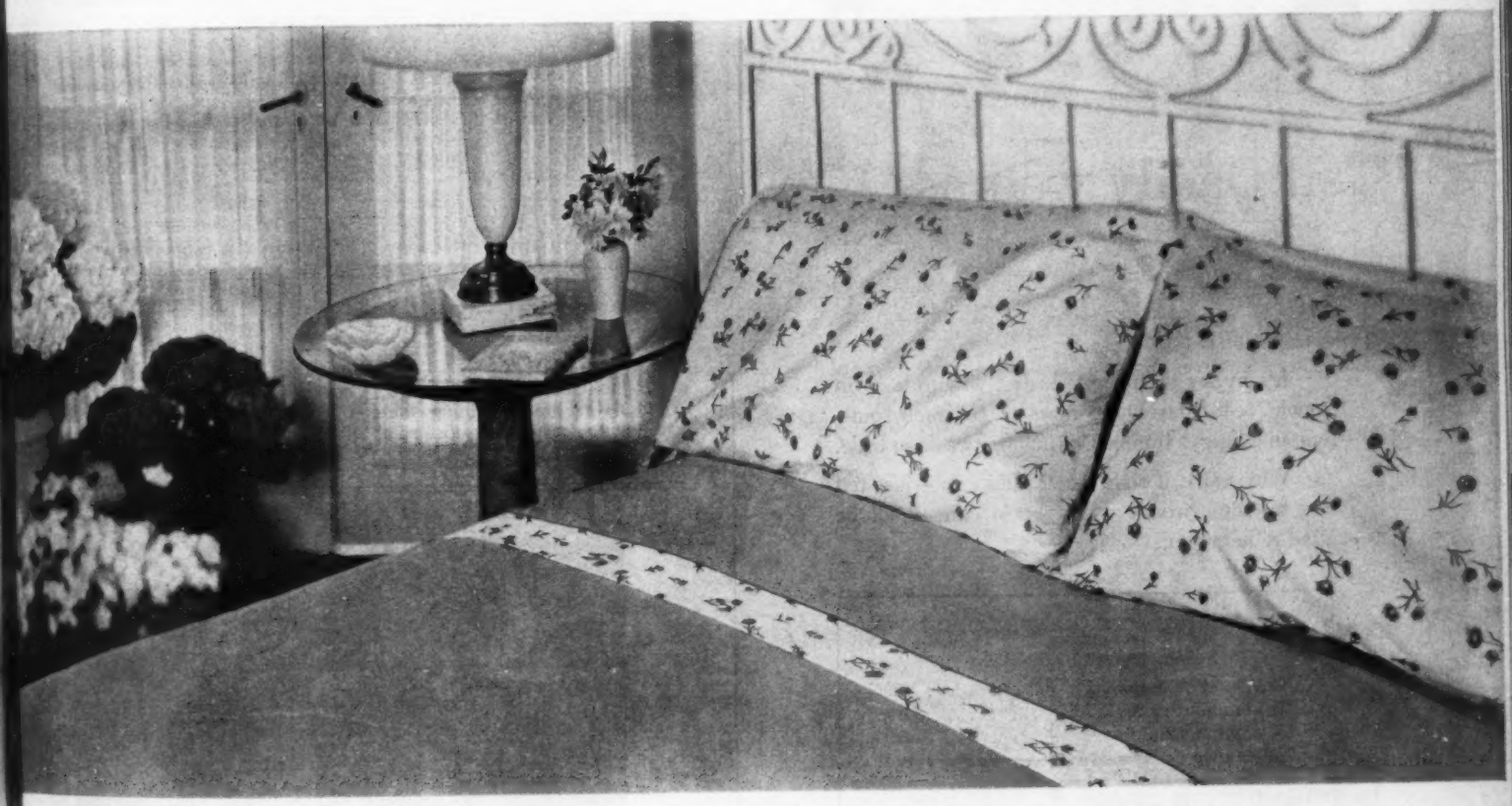

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some in budget envelopes and depositing the rest in a small checking account to meet current bills. These payments are spread over the month so the family exchequer won't be too badly hit any one week. They budget rather fatalistically. As Anne puts it:

"As far as a small income is concerned, budgets are like New Year's resolutions. They are broken unwillingly. A hole in a shoe, a lost item, shortage of work—any of these can throw things off balance."

The older children, both Jack and Anne believe, should participate in discussions of the ups and downs of family financing. When work is good, he gives them small allowances, but no hard-and-fast amount, and pays them for little chores like picking berries. He encourages them to make money outside when they can by baby-sitting or mowing lawns. "They know that if I have it, I will give it to them," Jack says simply.

This introduction to economics has had one splendid result. All year, Jack and Anne both put all their pennies and dimes into the "Christmas jug." When his work is good, the children drop in the pennies and nickels leftover from their allowances. They know, as Anne points out, that work will be slow around Christmastime and the contents of the jug will be used to buy presents for them and their friends.

Similarly, in clothing, the children feel no jealousy in wearing hand-me-downs.

Anne likes to sew, but at present, she is hampered with her grandmother's foot-treadle sewing machine. "I stitched together one canvas carryall bag," she says, "and I ached in the hips, legs, and arms for a day."

To eliminate the cleaning bills, Anne never buys anything that won't wash except snowsuits or an occasional wool skirt for one of the girls. When he gets out of his work clothes, Jack prefers sweaters or sports shirts and old pants.

The big problem is shoes. Jack feels strongly that "shoes govern the health and happiness of anyone." For himself, he buys special shoes designed to brace the arches, and twice a year, at Easter and just before school opens, each child gets a pair "of the best."

The weekly visit to the supermarket, when shopping for seven, also is something of an expedition. Anne knows that the fresh meats, vegetables, and fruits arrive on Thursdays, so that is their usual grocery-buying day. Jack knows the visit will cost him $21, exclusive of such staples as flour or sugar. His over-all weekly household bill, including milk, tobacco, and small items like shoe polish, is between $35 and $40.

As much as possible, they buy produce direct from the nearby farms and sometimes drive over to the Cornell University Agricultural Station, which is not far from their home. There they often get "dropped" apples for applesauce and pies, paying as little as 10 cents a bushel.

In early summer, they pick cherries and wild berries for jams and jellies and in the fall find apples and pears growing wild in state-reclaimed forest areas. They raise their own raspberries in the back yard.

With the 55-pound frozen-food storage compartment in their refrigerator, they economize by buying in as large amounts as possible—whole pork loins, hams, and large cuts of beef and pork.

The W.'s average weekday menu goes something like this: For breakfast, always a fruit juice, a dry or cooked cereal, toast and jam, milk or cocoa for the children, coffee for Jack and Anne. Lunch is no prob-

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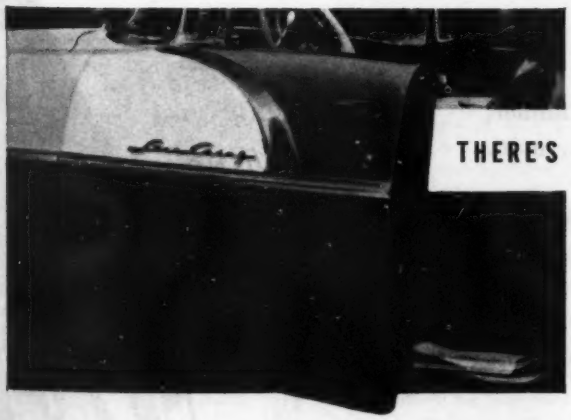
"And what little do-it-yourself moneysaving genius mixed cement in my washing machine?"

Governor's Palace by Williamsburg *Chiffon Dress* by Pierre Balmain *Star Chief Convertible* by Pontiac



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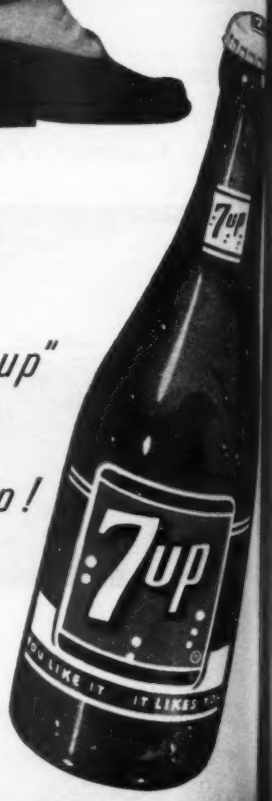

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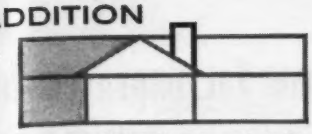
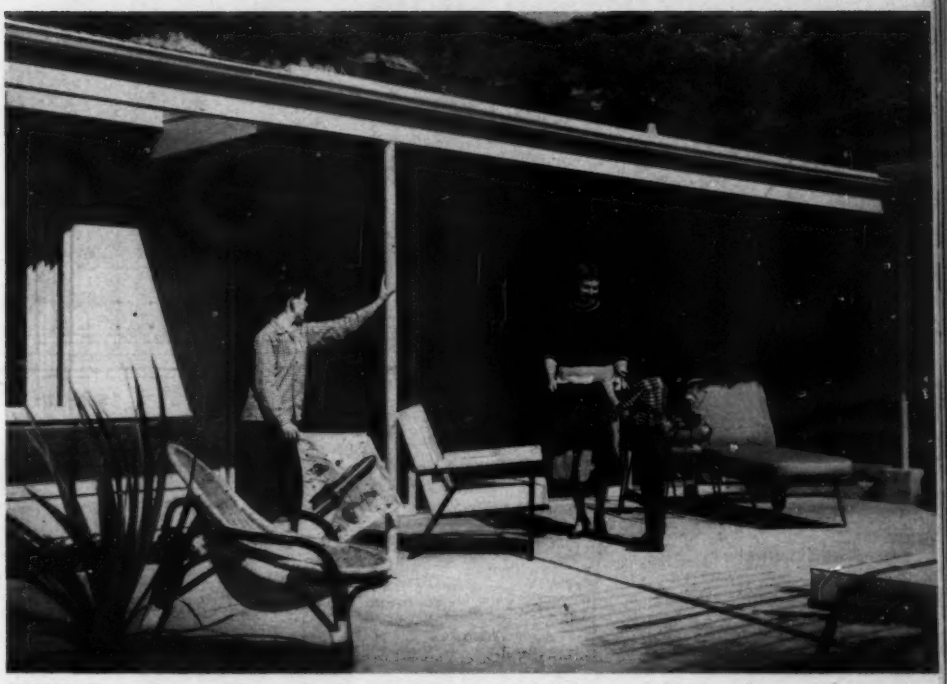
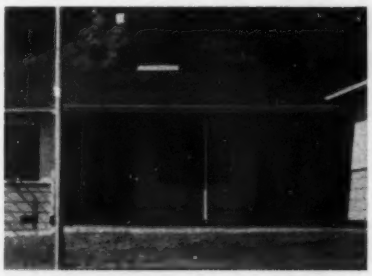


Improvement Contest: Enter projects like these in "additions" category. See page 6



BEFORE. Terrace off French doors is pleasantly enclosed by house, but it remains bleak and characterless. Doors are too balanced, offer little light or view inside

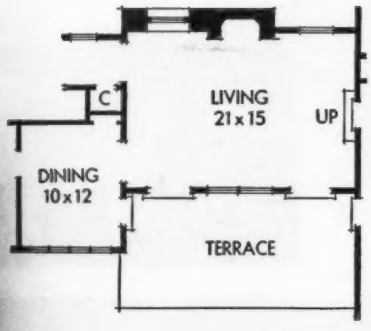


AFTER. Recessed area of terrace has been enclosed as part of living room. Roof overhang now projects 6 feet beyond sliding glass doors. Pipe columns support this expansive shading device

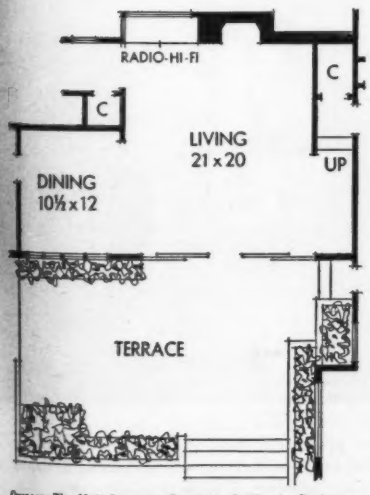
They had a room for improvement

By Elizabeth Gilrain

EVEN GOOD SPACE can be bettered. Here, a rear-facing living room, while not small, failed to take real advantage of the opportunities for an attractive off-the-street view, indoor spaciousness, and fully developed outdoor living. Then, owners did over the interior to come up to the other work



BEFORE. Living room was well located. So why not get complete use of it?



AFTER. By bringing living-room wall flush with exterior wall of the dining room, owners gained 126 square feet.

Now, dining room lends its space to total living area, too.

Owners: The Matt Stameys, Burbank, California. Designer: Virginia Woodbridge. Architects: Latta and Denney

Photographs: de Gennaro

Here's where it all began. By extending living room 5 feet and substituting sliding glass doors for narrow view, all space broke loose.

Now, terrace on same level as living room, becomes continuation of inside space. And there's no clumsy step down to outdoor area.

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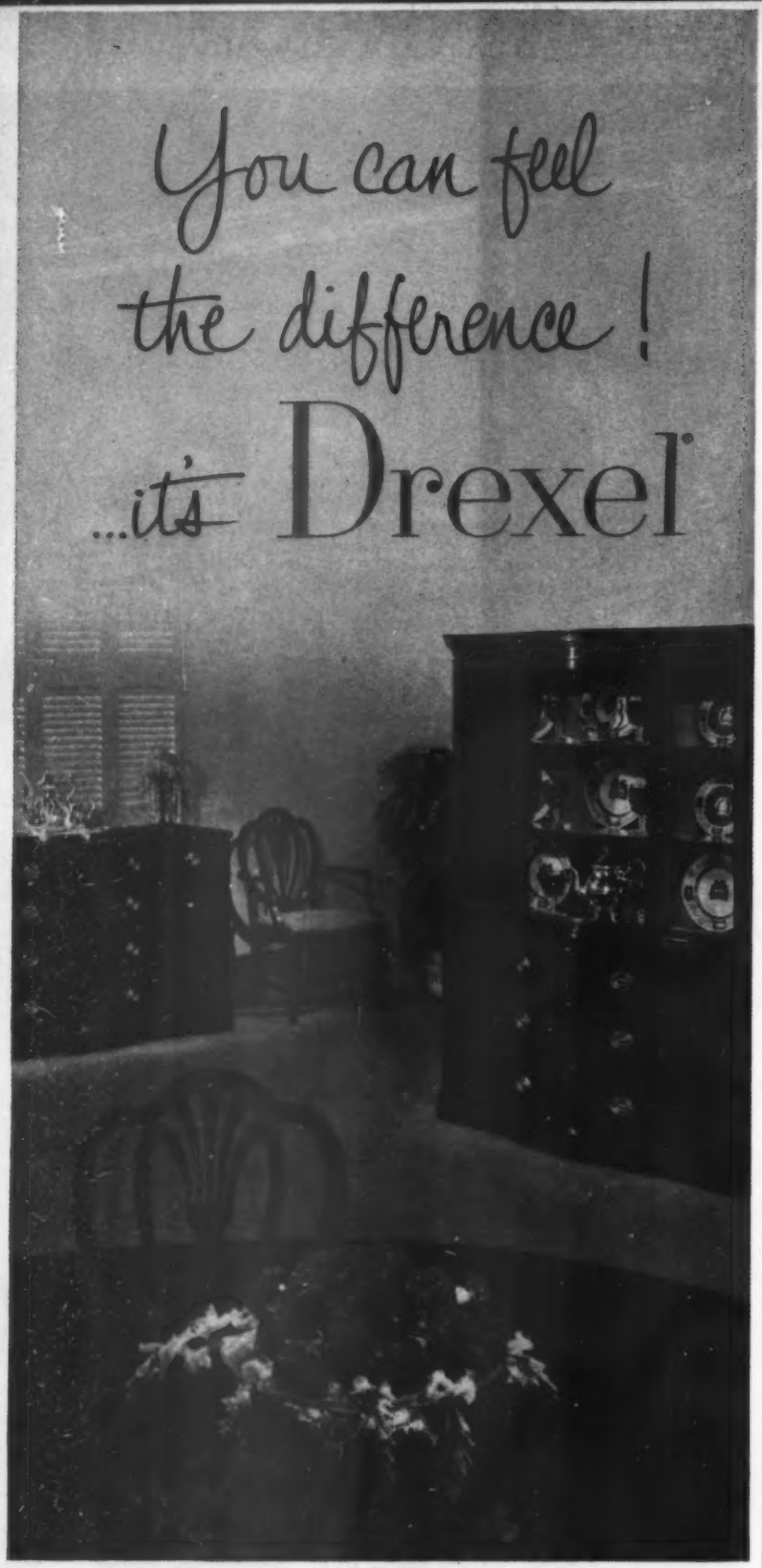

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They had a room for improvement

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BEFORE. In 1940 when Stameys moved in, fireplace was lonely point of interest.

Room was unfinished and unfurnished, so young couple had work cut out for them.

AFTER. Sixteen years (and three youngsters) later! In one grand effort, Stameys sealed off ugly small window that served no purpose, and concealed outdated shell of fireplace. Red-birch paneling was continued to screen steps to bedroom hall. Fireplace was newly outlined in flagstone. With cork flooring, the remodeling was complete

BEFORE. Another small window bordered fireplace, recessed above bookshelves.

More formal use of room called for greater upkeep. Open shelves, moldings, fireplace mantel, and hardwood floors needed attention daily.

AFTER. In paneling fireplace wall, new surfacing was set out 6 inches from existing wall to cover projecting shell of fireplace. Area below windows, formerly occupied by bookshelves, was increased in depth enough to make music center possible. Cabinets house radio, hi-fi, and records. Single casement window above became fully glassed bay

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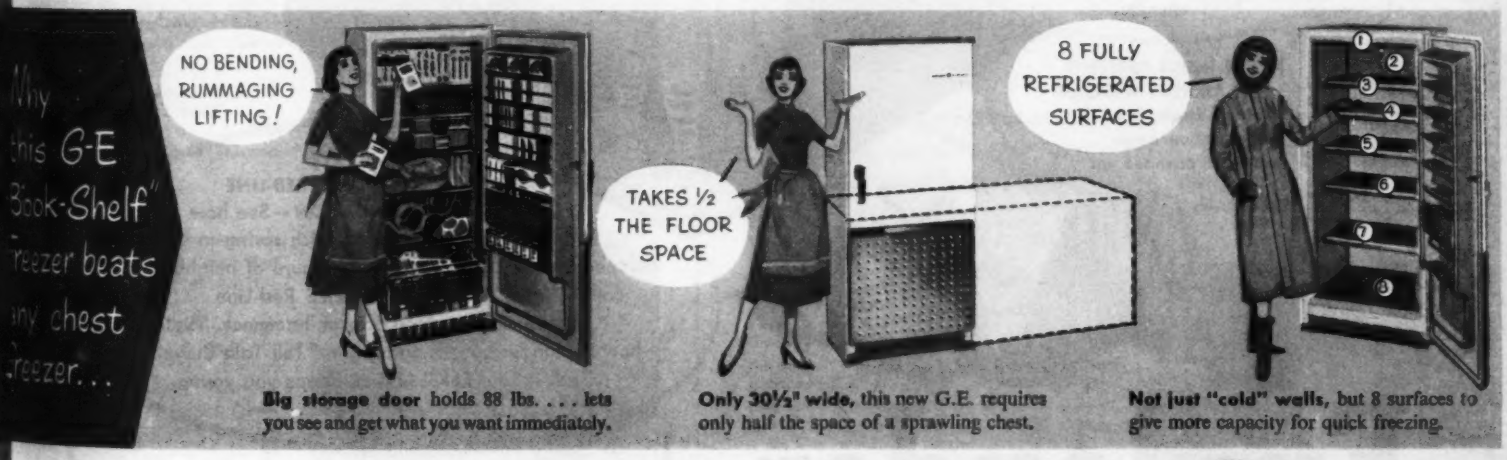

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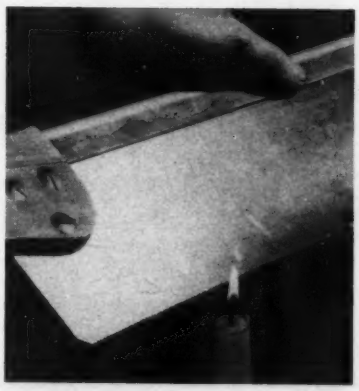

"Touching-up" dull saws can turn into a guessing game because file cuts you have already made are often difficult to locate.

One way to solve this problem is to smoke the teeth by passing the blade through the flame of small candle. Several passes are enough.

Smoke stains make it easier to see cuts, and they also help you hold file at right angle.

O. Sundermeyer
Welcome, Minnesota

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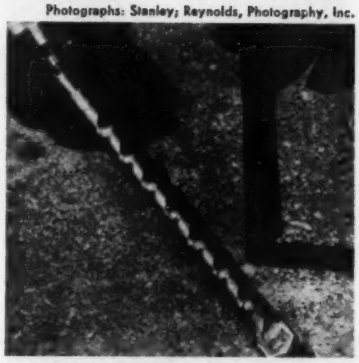


Holes in masonry are easier to drill with your power outfit if you let a star drill take over when the carbide-tipped one hits a hard piece of aggregate and "sticks" in hole.

Star drill quickly powders the tough aggregate.

Also, it gives your carbide-tipped drill a new bite and more cutting power when you change back over.

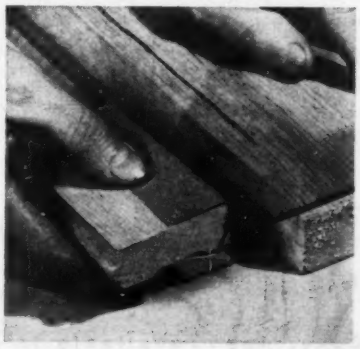
C. Richardson
Susanville, California

Anchor plugs cut from discarded metal tooth-paste and shaving-cream tubes do good, temporary job of holding fixtures to walls when regular fasteners aren't handy.

First, fill hole with metal. Then slip screw through fixture (towel bar, hanger, hook, and so on) and drive it into the metal, which will expand and grip sides of hole.

Be sure hole is full of metal before you drive screw.

J. H. Davis
Columbia, Tennessee



Sand edges of glass better with this sanding block cut from scrap piece of tongue-and-groove lumber.

Fold piece of medium-grit emery cloth over edge of the glass. Then press the grooved side of block over abrasive.

Raise and/or lower block to get rounded and beveled edges; keep it parallel to the edge for smoothing cuts.

Stanley Clark
East Bradenton, Florida

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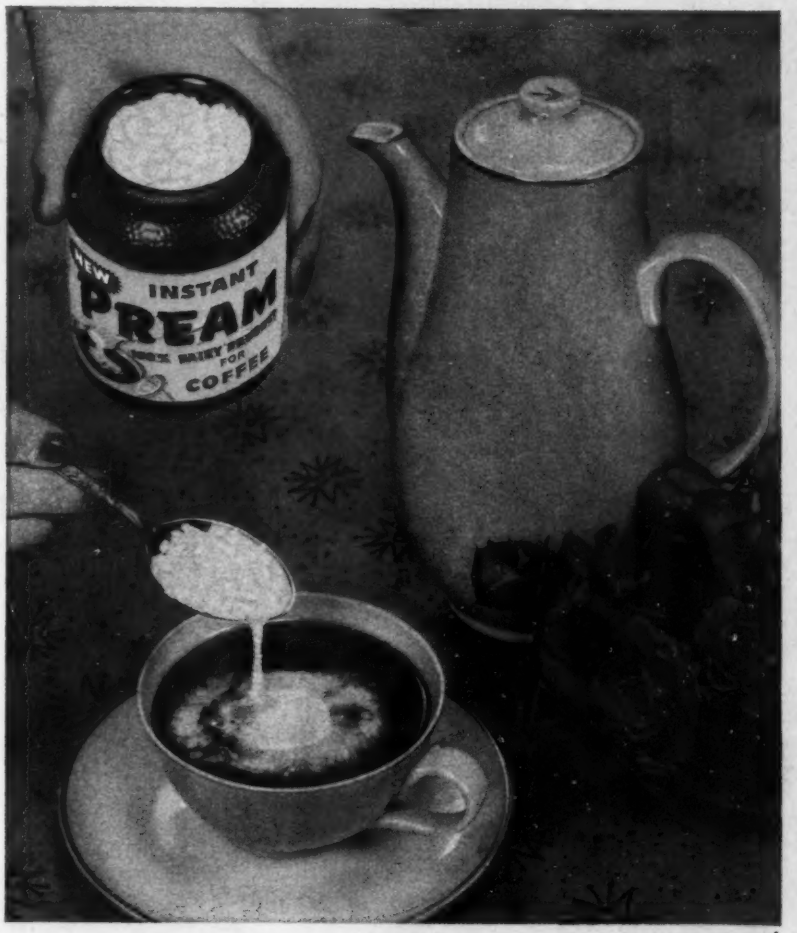

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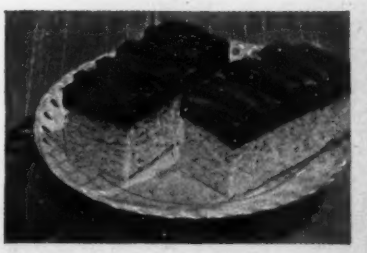

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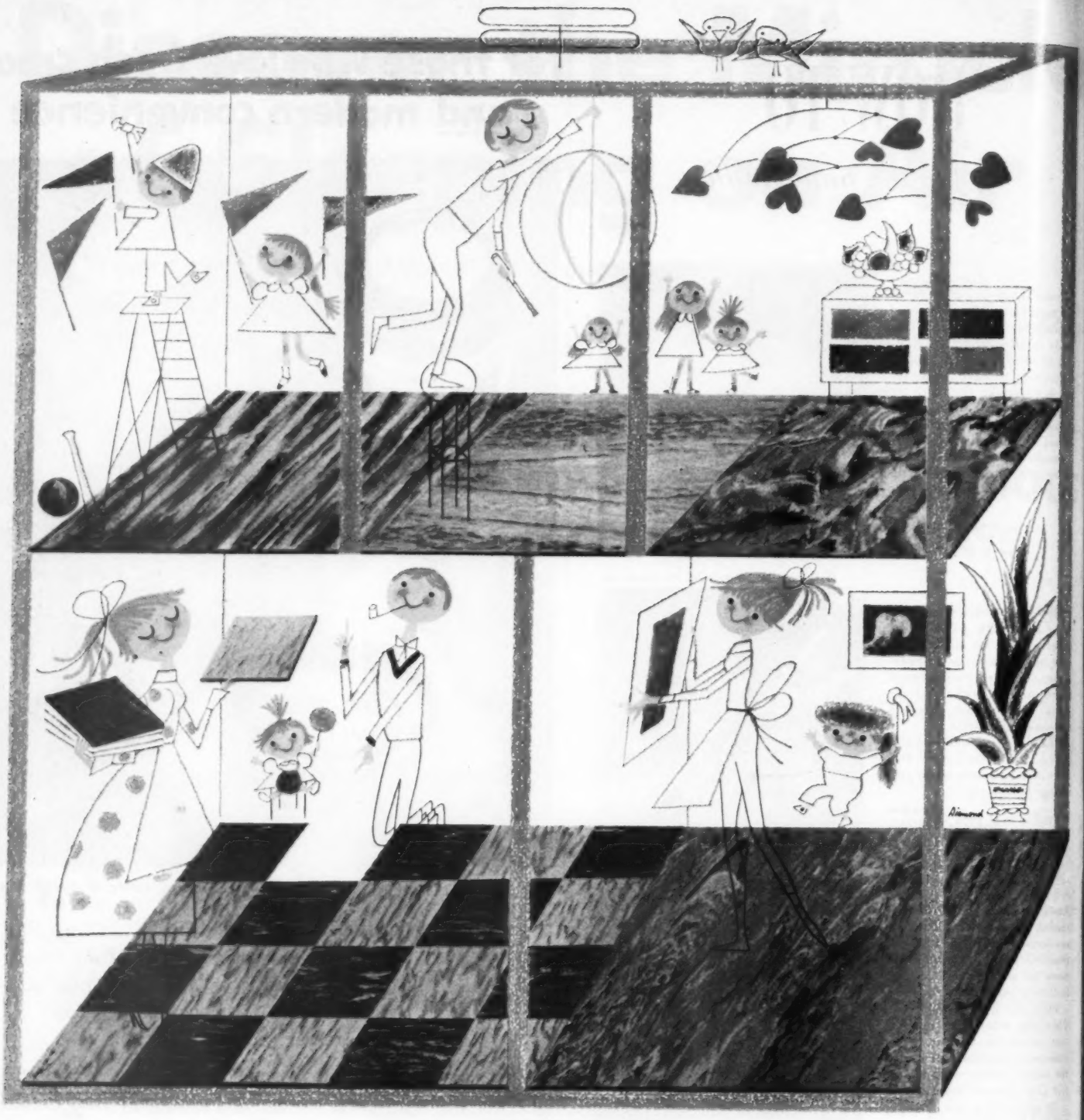

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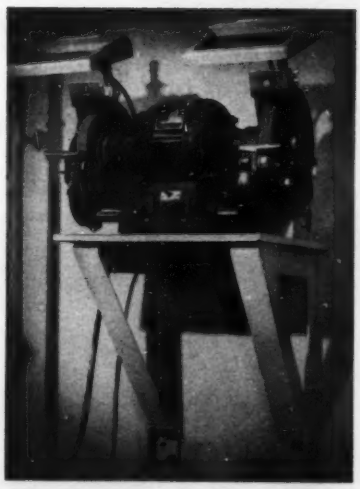

Stop vibration and increase efficiency of your grinder by bolting it to rigid mounting brackets fastened to a wall in your workshop.

For the brackets, use angle iron welded together and lag-screwed to studs or into lead expansion anchors.

A steel or plywood top is bolted to brackets; grinder is bolted to the top.

If motor is separate, mount it under grinder on brackets you can tailor for this.

M. J. Hellman
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Cut edges of ceramic tile fit better next to moldings, corners, and trim if they're smoothed this way:

Rub the edge on surface of abrasive rubbing block like those used to remove dried mortar from concrete block, brick, and so on.

When block becomes "loaded" with powdered residue, clean it with a stiff brush.

Ed Porter
Rochester, New York

The lids that stick on glue, shellac, and other bottles unscrew easily after you coat them with a thin film of petroleum jelly.

For best results, apply lubricant when bottles are first opened. A *small* amount of jelly is all you need.

Another way: Cover bottle top with aluminum foil and screw lid down over it.

Dale Gorby
Sparta, Michigan

Thin splines cut from discarded fruit baskets fill saw kerfs perfectly and give you much stronger miter joints for projects such as picture framing, small boxes, and so on.

Clamp the mitered members together, saw kerf for spline, and glue spline in place.

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If space is cramped and you've run out of tables, a shelf will solve your problem—and look nice doing it!

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Narrow, dark hallway? A shallow, hanging wall shelf of pine and an old Victorian mirror combine to make a pleasant grouping on wall between two doors where traffic is heavy. Two small, candle-type lamps give extra light, decoration. Robert Dietz home, Cincinnati

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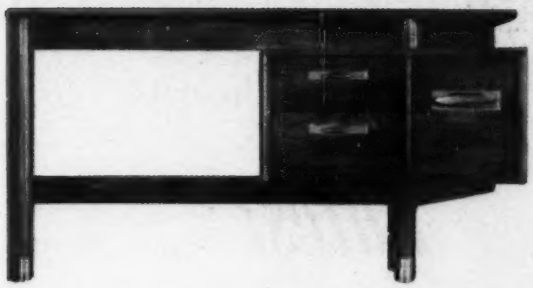
Need a dressing table, but no room for one? Use shelf finished to match surrounding woodwork. With a small chair it's a comfortable spot to check on your make-up. Antique accessories create enough glamor to make you feel like a princess. Henry Supak home, Minneapolis



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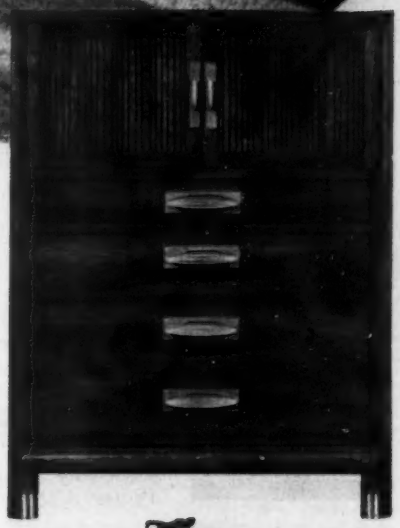

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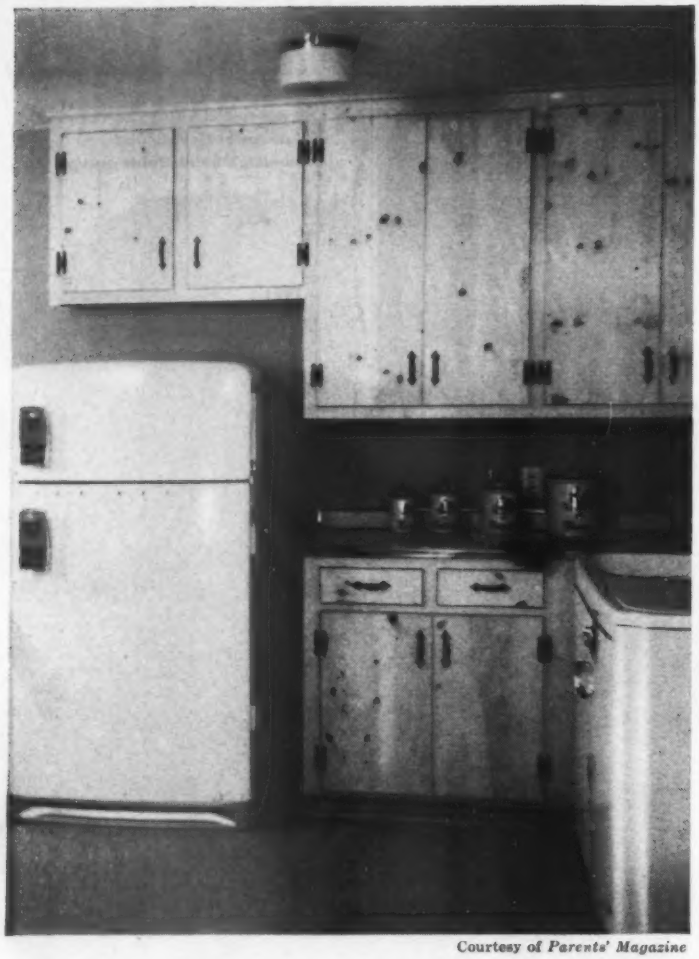

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Clematis needs "long day"

If your clematis doesn't flower, it could be that the days aren't long enough says Dr. Judd Haney of Michigan State University.

Dr. Haney points out that clematis belongs to a group of plants that need long days before they can form flower buds.

Day length is not entirely a matter of direct sunlight. Some plants are stimulated by indirect light of only a few foot-candles. But where trees, buildings, or other obstructions cast early morning or late-afternoon shade, the total length of the day may be reduced enough to prevent flowering.

Killing weeds? Watch the sun

In recent years, new chemicals have taken a lot of the work out of killing weeds. But unfortunately, the chemicals sometimes damage the grass while they kill the weeds. Now turf experts have discovered why and know how to prevent such damage.

By using sensitive thermocouples, the research men discovered that the temperature of grass in full sun is often 10 to 20 degrees higher than air temperature. This difference is enough to greatly step up the action of the weed killer, enabling it to damage the grass.

For this reason, spraying when the sky is overcast, or late in the day as the sun goes down, is recommended. Under these conditions, air temperature and grass temperature should be more closely related.

Cellophane-fertilizer mixture

Latest trick in feeding plants is to mix the fertilizer salts with chopped cellophane.

The cellophane holds the plant foods and releases them slowly. It also acts as a soil amendment and a mulch. Scientists at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, where the tests were made, say the cellophane-plant-food combination compares favorably with peatmoss as a mulch.

Bee-safe mite control

The Dutch have developed a redspider-mite control that doesn't harm honeybees.

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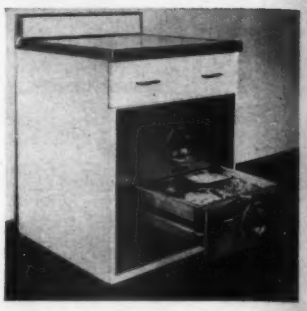
Junior Scale, $10, in stores. Borg Erickson, 1133 North Kilbourn Ave., Chicago 51, Ill.



Automatic warming unit is a newcomer to the march of products designed to make us a nation of gourmets. Not only does it keep food delectably piping, but fresh and crisp, too—not dried out! Installed in your kitchen-cabinet base, it utilizes a system of six-sided air circulation teamed with moisture-control knobs which keeps either moist or crisp foods at the peak of perfection—for hours!

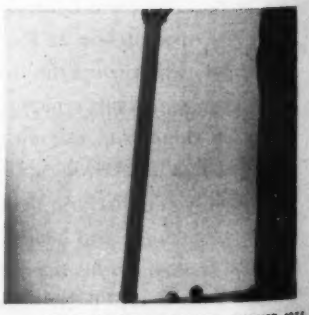
Hot-Food Server, $289.50, in stores. Toastmaster Products Div., McGraw Electric Co., Elgin, Ill.

Moth blitz in the bag. Garment bag has a new moth-protection feature—dispensers which thoroughly permeate the interior with para vapors (one dispenser hangs at the top, one fits in the floor of the bag). Pop in your favorite woolens, silks, gabardines, or furs without a worry; the munching monsters will steer clear.

Moth Protecting Bag, $1.98 (jumbo size) in stores. Bogene, Inc., 286 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

The Old Oaken Bucket? Well, not quite, but it may fool you for a moment. Twelve-quart bucket is actually plastic (flexible, pliable type), but it looks remarkably oaken, in a shade of rich golden brown. Use this for utility pail, picnic basket, soft-drink carrier, or just about anything.

Old Oaken Bucket, $3.98, in stores. Flambeau Plastics Corp., 501 E. Seventh St., Baraboo, Wis.



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Pic'r Up'r, $4.75, ppd. from mfr. W. G. Watson, Box 323, Effingham, Ill.

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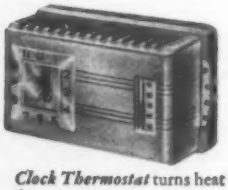

Clock Thermostat turns heat down at night, up at morning—automatically. Controls heating *and* cooling.

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Home Comfort Controls

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You shall have music—or news or soap opera—wherever you go. This is brand new . . . a combination radio and phonograph that's portable, operates on flashlight battery or house current. Batteries will play approximately 1,000 sides of 45-rpm records; radio will pick up transmission clearly at over 100 miles. You'll tote this entertainment gem just about everywhere.

Metz Babyphon, $79.95, ppd. from mfr. Betz, Inc., Granite Exchange Bldg., St. Cloud, Minn.

The most versatile intercom has interroom communication, a "squelch" feature that shuts off the radio or TV when the baby cries, a built-in fire-alarm system, and a front-door substation so that callers may be spotted and passed on before the door is opened. There's also a control panel for your radio and speakers in preferred rooms.

Guardian Mark I, $139.95 (plus installation charges). G & M Equipment Co., Inc., 7315 Varna Ave., North Hollywood, Calif.

The tray's the thing! Soap dish with removable tray makes clean-up easy. Lift the tray off, swish it under the tap, and it's sparkling clean again. Buy this either with or without drain slots. It's finished in gleaming luster chrome.

Soap Dish with Removable Tray, $1.98, in stores. The Autoyre Co., Oakville, Conn.

No longer need the process of sweeping dust into a dustpan resemble an exercise in yogi. New dustpan has a special lever which presses the dust lip to the floor surface while you handle the broom detail (gracefully). No bending necessary! Pink, white, red, turquoise, and yellow.

Foot Action Dust Pan, 79c, in stores. Manufactured by Reliance Products Sales Corp., Mason St., Woonsocket, R. I.

A plastic gadget fits on the end of your garden hose, and a squeeze from you switches the flow of water from a gentle sprinkle for watering your flower bed to a powerful jet for washing the car. An adjustable thumb lock holds the valve open in any position, pressure spring shuts the valve off. A lawn sprinkler can be controlled by placing the valve between two sections of hose.

Squeezeflo Valve, $1.95, in stores. Squeezflo Valve Division, Roth Rubber Co., 75 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Ill.

Soil sifter is lightweight enough to be used on your kitchen table or potting bench, big enough to do a job in your outdoor garden. Adjustable handle permits sifter to be placed on bench or ground at desired level, and end hooks let you shake the soil without supporting its heavy weight. Unit mixes and aerates the soil as it sifts.

Soil Sifter, $5.95, ppd. from The House Plant Corner, Box 810BH, Oxford, Maryland.

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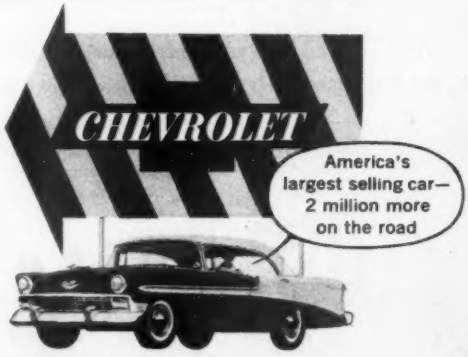

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Kitchen powerhouse combines the functions of the seven most used and most useful kitchen appliances —mixer, blender, can opener, knife sharpener, salad maker, meat grinder, and slicer. There's only one motor, one plug-in, one work area, and the appliance is always ready for instant use in any one of its capacities.

Shetland Foodsmith is $69.95, in stores. Shetland Co., Inc., 69 Bennet St., Lynn, Mass.

Birthstone feeding spoon features a tiny jewel in the handle to honor Baby's month of birth. In case you've forgotten, it's garnet for January, amethyst for February, aquamarine for March, diamond for April, emerald for May, pearl for June, ruby for July, peridot for August, sapphire for September, opal for October, topaz for November, and turquoise for December.

Birthstone Feeding Spoon, $8.50 to $17.50 (depending on jewel), in stores. International Sterling, 48 State, Meriden, Conn.

Travel light with TV in tow! New TV set is a 13-pounder, as easy to carry as an overnight bag or Dad's briefcase. No longer need a video fan be a stick-in-the-mud; he can tote his entertainment along with him wherever he goes—be a regular gadabout! Receiver has a 9-inch screen, and over-all dimensions of 8½x9½x13¾ inches.

Thirteen Pound TV Receiver, under $100 in stores. General Electric, Syracuse, N.Y.

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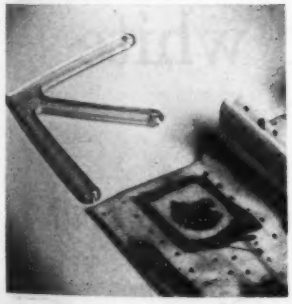
Auto License Plate Case, $1, a pair, ppd. from mfr. Corco, Inc., 1229 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 7, Ill.



Drapery straightener holds heading corners of a traverse drapery rigid and upright. (Sagging drapery heading looks about as professional as an uneven dress hem.) This "perker upper" is easy to install, too. Just insert into the heading corners and tack to the drapery or lining. Available in sizes to fit either 3- or 4-inch headings.

Drapery Sta-Rites, 29c a pair, in stores. Hake Mfg. Co., Inc., 1215 Midvale Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va.

Midget masher. A mashing utensil designed expressly for the preparation of Baby's food is new. It fits his small bowl perfectly, so that you can mash potatoes, boiled egg, vegetable, or fruit right in the bowl. Cutting tines won't clog; disc and shaft are easy-to-care-for stainless steel.

Midget Masher, $1, in stores or from mfr. The Caldwell Co., P. O. Box 1707, Sioux City, Iowa.

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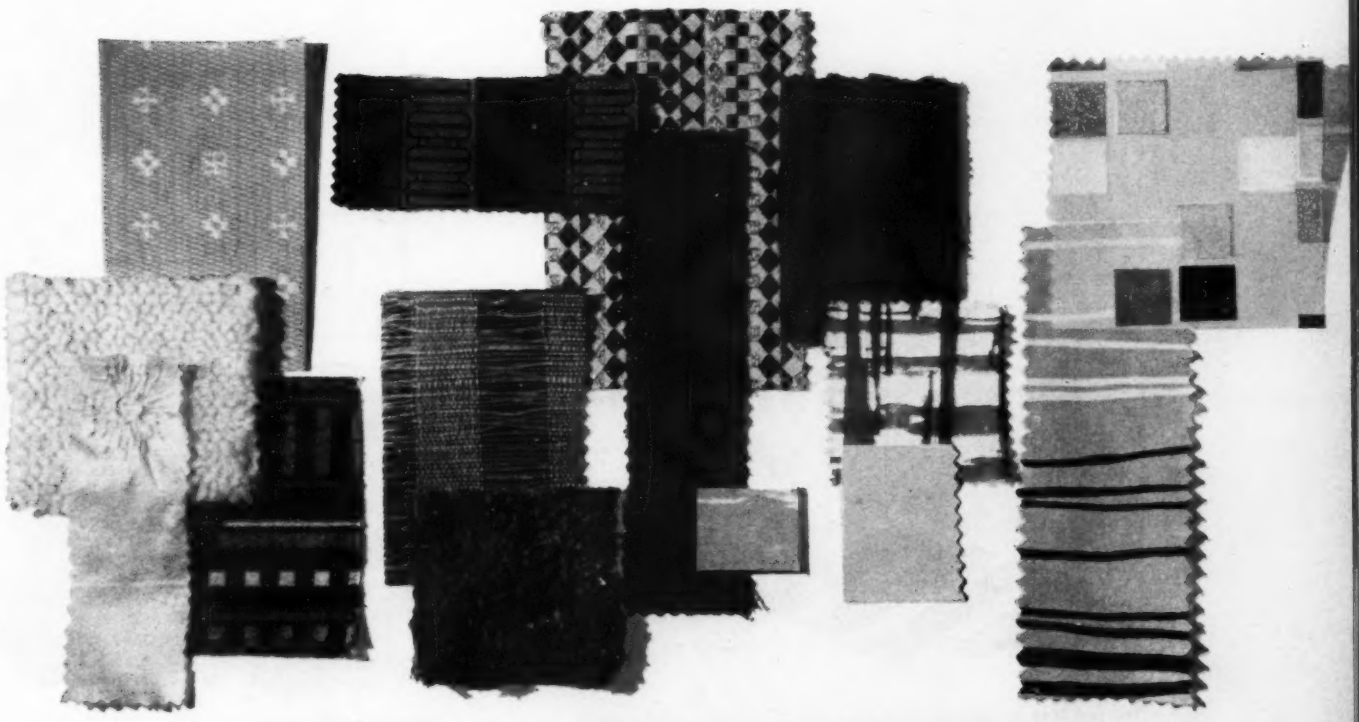
If you judge your wash by whiteness—it's got to be Cheer!

Striking new notes in color

By Florence Byerly and Kay Russell

The coming colors sing in every key, strike any note that pleases you . . . subtle or brilliant, high or low, warm or cool.

- ○ *White appears at its very whitest as background, as accent*
- ◐ *Neutrals carry a hint of color, change like chameleons*
- ● *Bright colors ring out strong and vibrant, over larger areas*
- ○ *Pale hues have turned nearly white, newly pure and clear*
- ● *Dark colors deepen almost to black, add low-key contrast*



Exciting interiors in the new colors begin on the next page ➡

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Purest, whitest WHITE is everywhere—as a dramatic background, a startling accent—

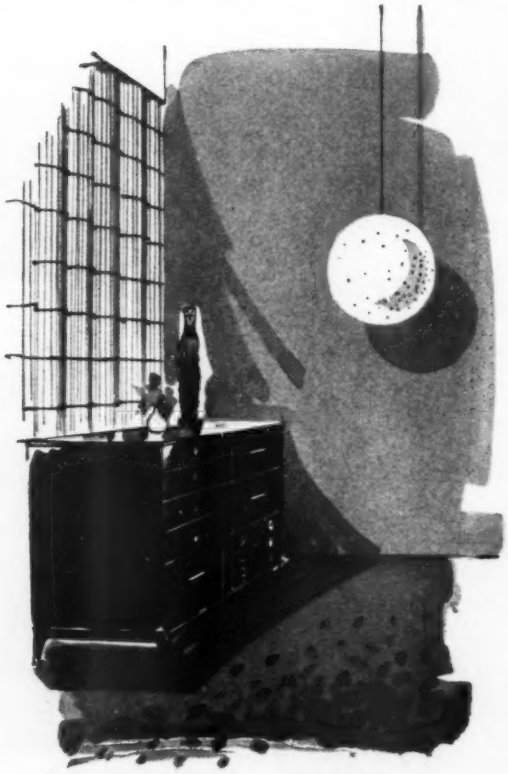
White walls and floors of new neutral nomad blend perfectly, point up bright colors. Lots of white gives room a brighter, bigger look. Nomad carpet picks up tone of the gold chair nearby

Sharp white contrast of walls makes black look even blacker, important accessories come up strong. Hot pink and orange add touches of warmth to the room

Newest of the neutrals, NOMAD, is a wandering color—neither gray nor beige—takes on tone

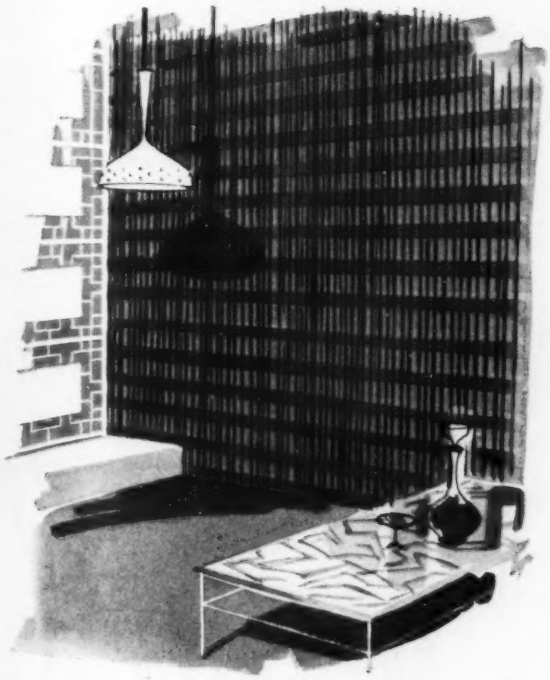
Drawings: Dick Larson

Nomad has an amazing knack for blending with surrounding colors, of taking on nearby tones so that it may look olive, yellow, or even grayish depending on its closeness to other colors

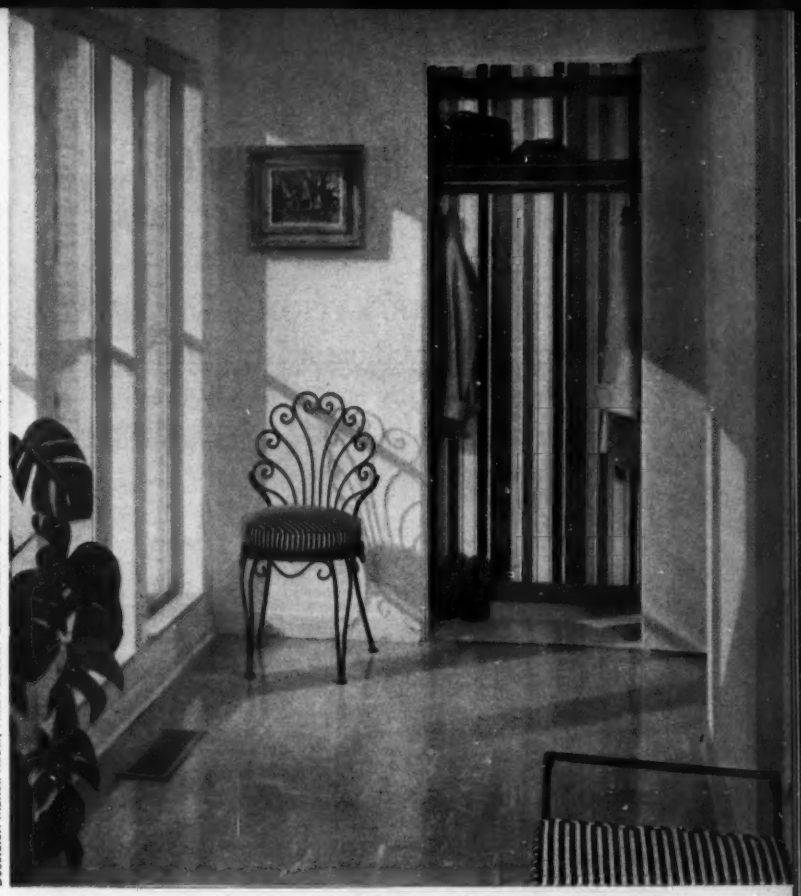


Nomad makes an ideal background for dark pieces like the storage unit. Here it absorbs and reflects the olive of the carpet. Low bubble lamp adds a white accent

on walls, floors, furniture



White seems to sparkle against bright tones like these blues and greens, adds a new note to their brilliance. The biggest news about bold, bright colors: more lavish use over ever-larger areas



Decorator: Marion Heuer, A.I.D. Builder: Greta Lederer. Owner: Raymond Pohn, Glencoe, Illinois. Data: Ruth Lee

White dramatizes an entrance hall, provides a perfect backdrop for striped fabric and wallpaper, silhouetted plant. White makes the most of the light, pays a subtle compliment to sunny colors

of nearby colors

Nomad's versatility makes it useful in any room in the house, a perfect foil for bright colors as well as dark. Here bright toss pillows spice up the subdued nomad atmosphere of the bedroom

Nomad's a chameleon, so you can change color of door panels or furniture coverings without losing your color blend. Nomad is a color blend unique among neutrals for its changeable aliveness

Decorator: Walter Farmer, A.I.D. Owner: M. Cornelious, Cincinnati. Data: Polly Cramer

More new color notes on following pages

Striking new notes in color *continued*

COLOR COMBINATIONS, too, are taking a sharp turn toward the unusual. Many colors that have traditionally not "gone together" are proving they can harmonize, blend, and contrast in new and wonderful ways. Blues are appearing with greens, pinks with oranges, as they do in nature and in the exotic fabrics of Persia and the Near East. And colors are invading colors: blue especially is turning up everywhere—in the greens, in the purplish tones, in reds and pinks.

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing. Decorator: James Erdman, A.I.D.

Purple: royal color, majestic accent

Purple is beautiful with pure, pale blue, next of kin in the color family. Green and yellow pillows add sharp spots of color contrast. Both the blue and the purple are excellent foils for the burnished, metallic gleam of the brushed brass table lamps

Decorator: Lubliner and Himmel, A.I.D. Owner: Sol Rich, Chicago. Data: Ruth Lee

Pale colors: a calm, spacious feeling

Wallpaper of palest blue and white widens and deepens this tiny dinette, creates an out-on-the-balcony illusion. Soft folds of pink-touched-with-blue cloth carry out delicate theme of chandelier and chairs, bold checks add contrast

Decorator: Marion Heuer, A.I.D. Owner: Raymond Pohs, Glencoe, Illinois. Date: Ruth Lee

Decorator: Everett Brown, A.I.D.

Shocking colors: vibrant and alive

Bold colors, once only an accent, now cover whole floors, large furniture, important accessories like pictures and lamps. Here we find bright yellow and striking orange being used with broad strokes against a background of quiet whites and pale neutrals, bringing out the best in each

Reds, pinks: tend toward the blues

Bluish is the word for reds reminiscent of roses, used here with a lavish hand. Adding to the look of elegance and grace, old accessories in the white that is so good with strong colors

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Planning to redecorate? You can get advice by visiting one of the Home Planning Centers operated in cooperation with Better Homes & Gardens magazine. You'll find the Center nearest you in the list on page 100

Striking new notes in color *continued*

Decorator: Everett Brown, A.I.D.

New neutrals: a subtle hint of color

Hint of blue in the gray wall shows the tendency of today's neutrals to have color undertones. The chair picks up its color from the beautiful old rug in perfect harmony with the modern floor of pale-toned leather tile. To add a dark note, shutter doors are black

Decorator: Marion Heuer, A.I.D. Owner: Raymond Pohn, Glencoe, Illinois. Data: Ruth Lee

Persian colors: blend of blues and reds

Exotic mixture of blues, purples, and reds makes a colorful bedroom for a boy or girl. Bold stripes in strong Persian tones stand out sharply against white. White appears again in ground of print draperies. Slate-blue rugs, black furniture provide dark contrast

Interior Designer: Dale Doehr. Owner: David Goodfellow, Birmingham, Michigan. Data: Mary Coughlin

Decorator: Lubliner and Himmel, A.I.D. Owner: Robert Pahn, Chicago. Data: Ruth Lee

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Nomad: versatile wall and carpet color

Nomad works equally well with white, with bright or dark colors, or with all three, as in this living room. To give it a Japanese flavor, cherry-blossom wallpaper covers one wall and transparent Shoji panels screen off the bedroom hallway

Pure blues: the basis for drama

Blue creates the mood of this room, gives it its cool, nautical feeling. The white ceiling and blue-and-white shades add to the seagoing flavor, stand out sharply against walls so blue they're almost black. Shipboard touches complete the effect

CORE PLUS X is a way to describe this month's Five Star home. It is no riddle. The core concentrates two bathrooms, kitchen sink, dishwasher, clothes washer, and heater in the center of the plan, allowing the rest of the house to be built freely around it. Core-plus-X planning, in short, is . . .

A new way to plan a house

By John Normile, A.I.A. and Curtiss Anderson

Center core, post-and-beam construction, modular plan are terms that may not be immediately friendly to you, but they can mean a very great—and good—deal to you in any future building plans.

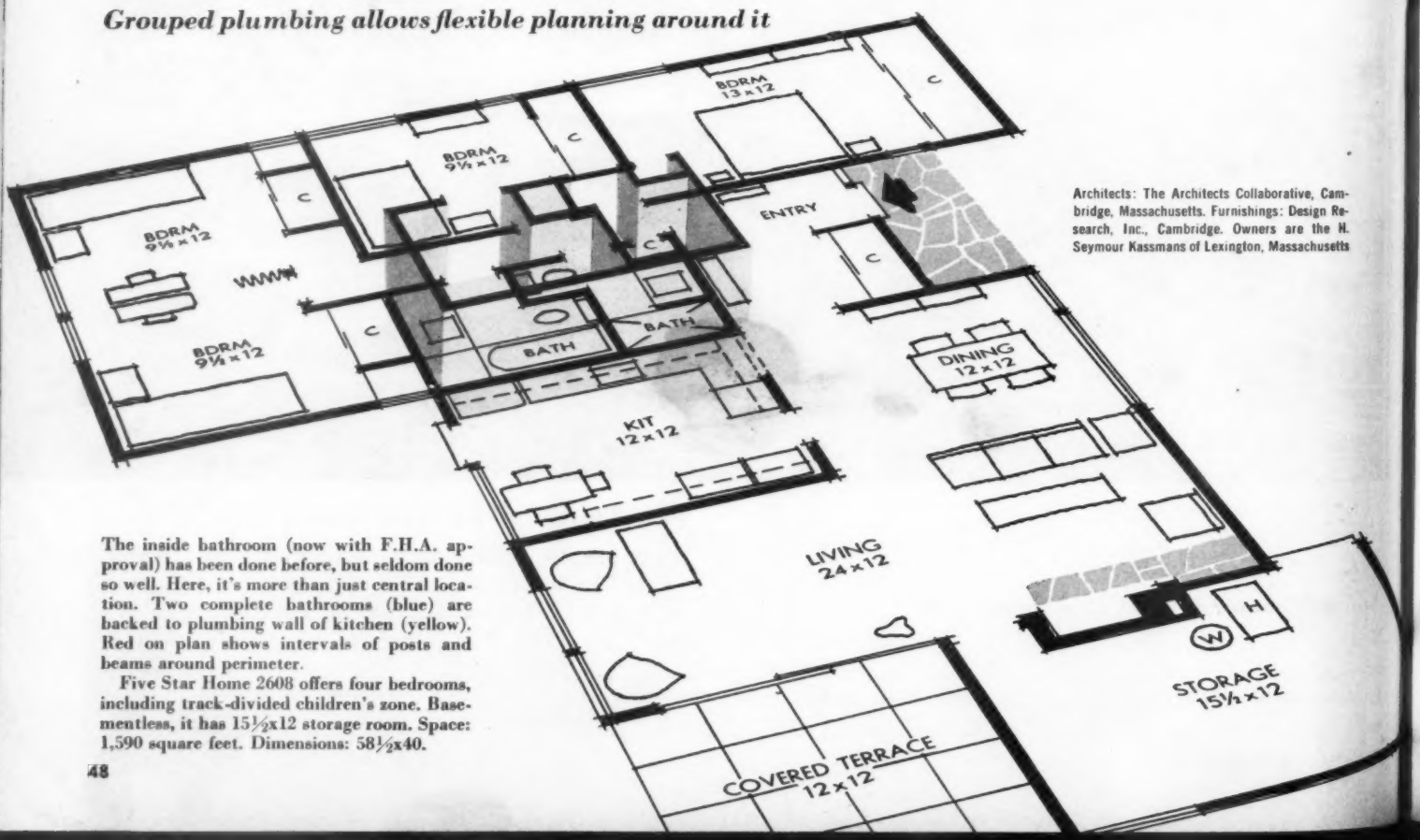
Five Star Home 2608 is planned freely, openly around a "standardized mechanical core"—a kitchen wall and two bathrooms. All the plumbing in the house is grouped in core walls for the most efficient and economical layout of water connections, vents, and drain. The heater flue can be set in the closet off the core, so you are free to locate a fireplace anywhere in the plan.

The blocks of space that work off the core are 12x12x8 feet. Based on a 12-foot module (repetition of standard-size structural panels), one block of space is called X, so the size of the house is described as core plus (so many) X. To apply our formula to Five Star Home 2608, we would describe its space as core plus 11X, because it has 11 blocks of space of approximately 12x12x8. The terrace this size is included since it is under cover for eventual enclosure as living space.

The architects used 4x8, standard sheet size of most building materials, as a basis for the 12-foot module (3 sheet widths, 8 feet or one sheet high). The economies are obvious in the use of materials of like sizes, almost entirely eliminating costly custom work for wall, floor, and ceiling panels. Glass conforms to this unit of measurement, too, so window areas do not juggle the standard size of paneling.

Post-and-beam construction beautifully relates to this modular scheme. Posts and beams are 12 feet on center. Under this highly flexible system, interior partitions can be located where they serve the best arrangement of space—rather than their location rigidly dictated by the need for supporting walls. Here, nonsupporting walls are usually placed on the module lines, every 12 feet. They can be changed or removed for additions. (For more details on post-and-beam construction, see page 62.)

Grouped plumbing allows flexible planning around it



Architects: The Architects Collaborative, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Furnishings: Design Research, Inc., Cambridge. Owners are the H. Seymour Kassmans of Lexington, Massachusetts

The inside bathroom (now with F.H.A. approval) has been done before, but seldom done so well. Here, it's more than just central location. Two complete bathrooms (blue) are backed to plumbing wall of kitchen (yellow). Red on plan shows intervals of posts and beams around perimeter.

Five Star Home 2608 offers four bedrooms, including track-divided children's zone. Basementless, it has 15½x12 storage room. Space: 1,590 square feet. Dimensions: 58½x40.

Orderliness in design and assembly of post-and-beam system of construction in modular scheme is solidly apparent in this full view across rear of Five Star Home 2608.

Posts and beams are repeated every 12 feet. This symmetry allows builder the economy of precutting material to sizes set by this 12-foot module. Terrace has floor and roof, eventually becomes full-time living space.

Night view of front underlines time-honored simplicity of post-and-beam construction, brought up to date in today's building trends. Glass, vertical wood siding, or combination form 12-foot walls between posts and beams. Entrance comes under cover of 8-foot overhang, which continues in lesser depths around house

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Space around the core is not limited in use by this central location of plumbing and heating. Actually, it is more flexible, more spacious *because* of inside core. Wall of kitchen at right stacks shelves that are open to both kitchen and dining side

Kitchen side of core backs dishwasher and sink to bathroom plumbing. Washer and dryer may locate here as well. Lipped rift-fir-faced doors give kitchen warmth of wood tone, effectively set off by white framing, counter tops, and appliances

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Core confines mechanical parts of house to center of plan and post-and-beam system requires no set partitions. Rewarding result is total living area here and below. This openness is complete even to including covered terrace beyond sliding glass doors. Center door is to storage room, also reached from outside

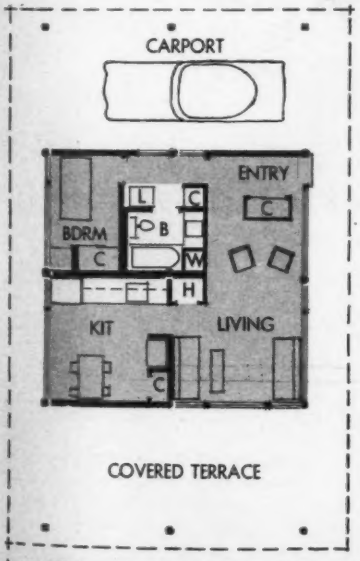
Now, see how glass is scaled to full width and height of module (12 feet wide, 8 feet high). Dining room is true X unit of space (12x12x8). But spaciousness isn't confined within these modular dimensions that are multiplied by the great expanses of glass and openness. Warm colors make the open plan more intimate

One day you may select exterior panels and core that will determine the design and plan of your home

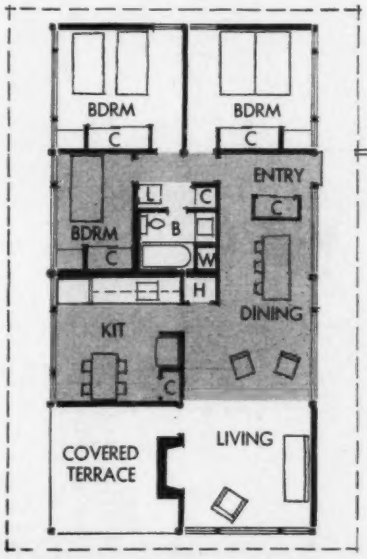
Visualize exterior wall panels similar in shape and size to 12-foot sections of Five Star Home 2608. Your house may compose like this, made up of unlimited combinations of new building materials

"EVENTUALLY, you'll be able to select manufactured panels for your own house from a group like those shown at right. Building your house of standard component parts (panels and cores) realizes the economies of repetition while each family has an individual home of his own. The system is especially well suited to building houses in groups. It will allow builders to develop communities similar in scale and construction, but differing widely in shape, size, and adaptation to particular sites"—*Walter Gropius, A.I.A.*
The Architects Collaborative

House expands by enclosing area already under roof



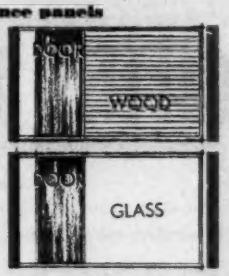
A small house can be added to in any of four directions. In first stage, you complete extra roof over planned additions that now serve as carport, porch, play areas



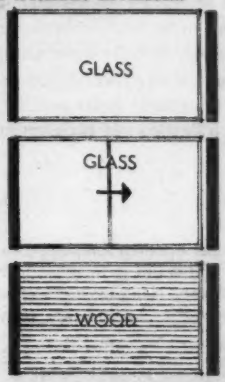
Building additions is made easy, economical when post, beam, and roof construction is all done at same time. Posts in red, core in yellow are still basis for system

*Exterior walls in 12x8 sections offer unending variety**

Entrance panels



Panels without divisions



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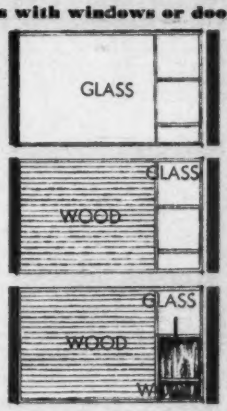
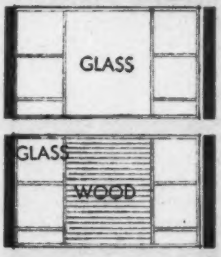
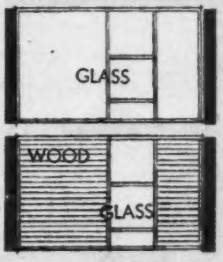


Panels between windows or doors



Panels with off-center windows



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Exciting trends in today's kitchens.

By Ann Worden and Anne Anderson

Once an afterthought, the kitchen is rapidly becoming the most important room in the home. Why this new interest? People have realized that kitchens of the past did not do the job required for today's informal living. With less outside help available, the family congregates in the kitchen to get meals, eat, do dishes. So today's kitchen is a larger family kitchen. It's basking in color, has good design and charm, automatic and worksaving appliances, more and better storage, and room for more activities. Appliances and cabinets are not only handsomer, but serve their owners as never before. The kitchen is also taking on a living-room look with take-it-easy furnishings, hobby equipment, and built-ins to utilize every bit of wall space. Accessories, too, are color-keyed and styled to match. Look what to expect.

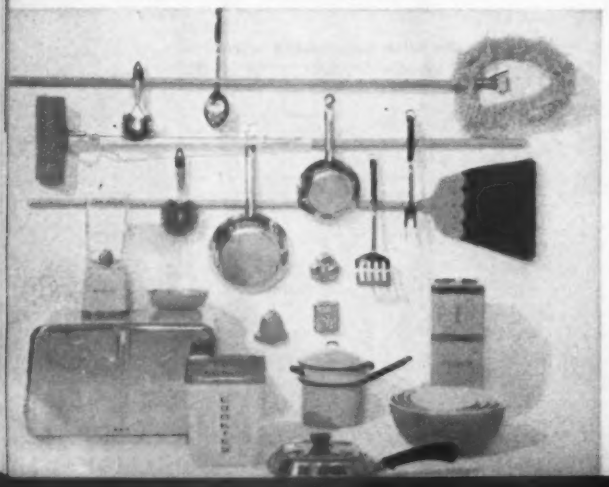
Turquoise and aqua are kitchen newcomers. They deck large and small appliances, cabinets, utensils, dinnerware, cleaning equipment, canisters, other housewares. Accents are copper or brass

Aqua makes a bold stand in this kitchen. It's used dramatically with bright magenta (counter tops). Besides this greenish blue, there's also a strong shift to clear light blue which offers unusual color schemes—with gold, purple, deep blue or green, red, brown. A darker, duller blue on some appliances and cabinets gives yet another look. New formula enamels make it easy to match the colors

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Skurow. Decorator: Robert J. Cronley. Data: Polly Cramer

Pink is everywhere. It gained momentum a year ago, but still holds a top position. The sky's the limit when it comes to pink kitchen helpers. Shown below is just a small sample.

Besides charcoal, pink is teamed with deep red, yellow, turquoise, brown, coral, deep blue. Copper is its favorite companion.



Hopkins

Yellow still continues to be a popular kitchen color with more housewares joining the new appliances and cabinets clad in this sunshine hue.

Here's a preview of a few of the many yellow aids for the kitchen.

Snook, Photography, Inc.

Electronic range makes its debut. It's newsiest cooking discovery in ages

Introduced this year, the electronic range is slated to change your cooking and meal-preparation habits. It's super-speedy—microwaves do the cooking. Just think, a 5-pound rolled rib roast in only 30 minutes, bacon in about 90 seconds, a baked potato in about 4 minutes!

At present, the electronic range costs about $1,000 to $1,250. But as production increases, prices are expected to go down. Operating costs are reasonable.

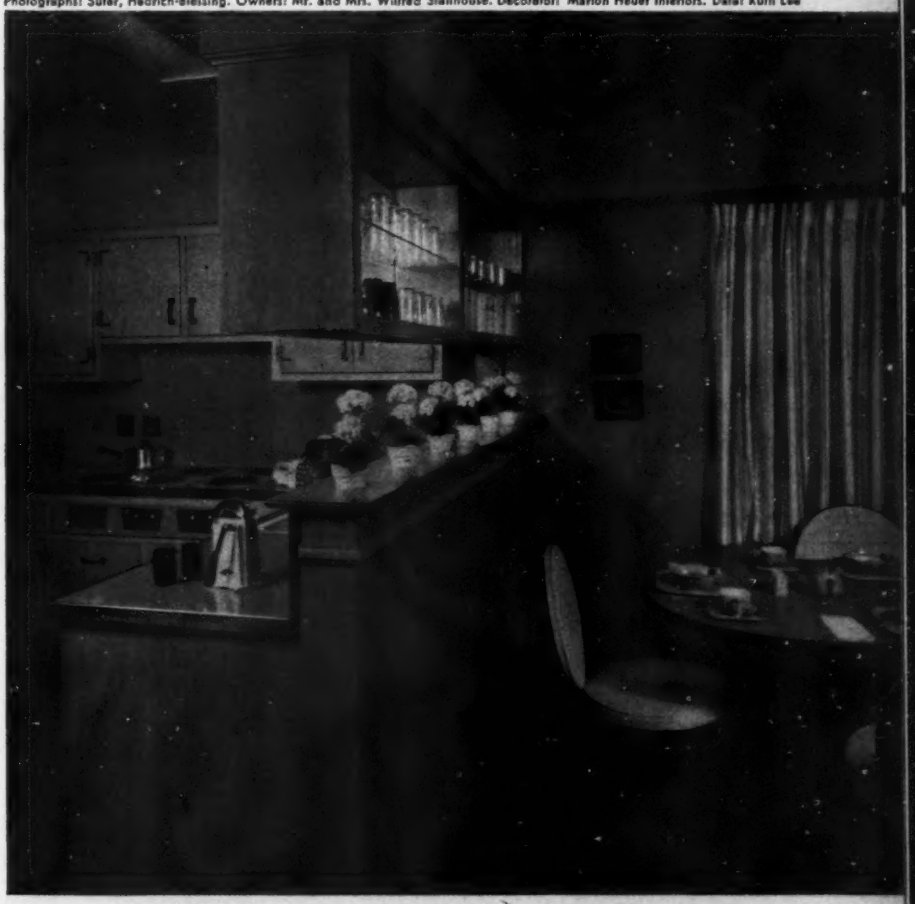
For house installation, the electronic range uses a 3-wire, 220-volt circuit, same type outlet and cable as the conventional electric range. Besides roasting and baking, it will do many cooking jobs done on top of the range.

Two major companies are already selling this cooking "wonder." Others are expected to introduce theirs soon.

Orange—or call it pumpkin, sunset, tangarine, copper—is fast appearing on the kitchen scene. Once considered an unusual decorator color, it's becoming a favorite for cabinets, counter tops, paint, floor and wall tile, wallpaper, curtain fabric, and dinnerware.

Tone down this brilliant color by combining it with neutrals (as in this kitchen) or by using it as accent.

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Stanhouse. Decorator: Marion Heuer Interiors. Data: Ruth Lee



Snap-on colored panels with striking design are a new way to bring color or change it on appliances. Panels for this refrigerator come in seven colors—blue, pink, green, maroon, yellow, copper, and chrome. To coordinate entire kitchen, panels repeating design and color are also available for range and freezer

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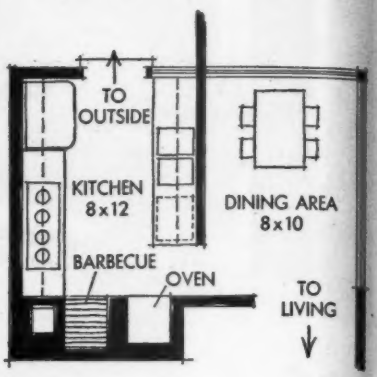
Exciting trends in today's kitchens *continued*

Photograph: Shulman. Designer: Craig Ellwood. Data: Barbara Lenox

Kitchens bring outdoor look in, take indoor living out



Wall of glass and intersecting wall of wood give illusion of eating right in the garden.

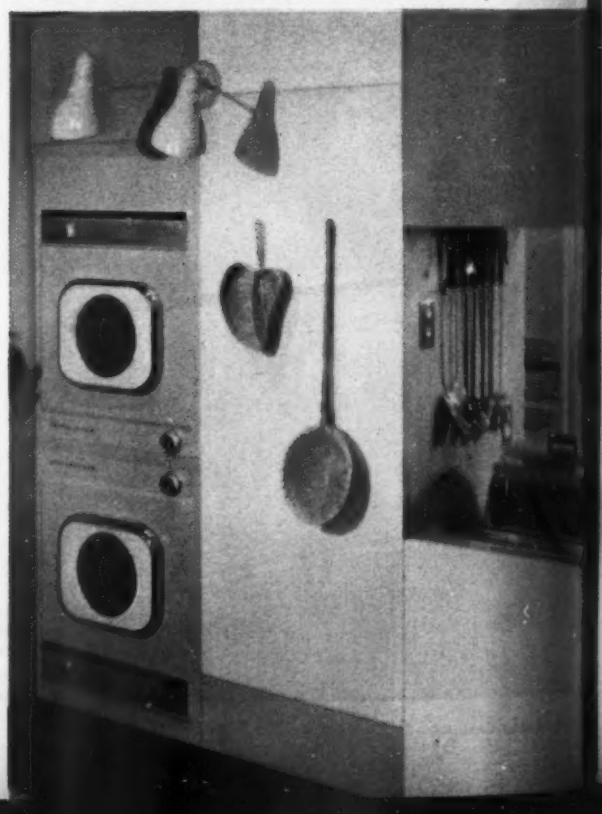
Natural-wood panel is partition between kitchen and dining area on inside (see the plan above); is garden wall on the outside.

Some kitchens have sliding glass doors that open onto adjoining patios. With this arrangement, you can cook part of the meal in the kitchen while barbecuing on the patio. This all adds up to many meals enjoyed outdoors.

Make the most of available space with versatile appliances—arrangements are unlimited

Here's an excellent use of space—in tune with the times. Convert a hall closet into a complete laundry area. Combination washer-dryer is at easy-to-see, easy-to-load (and unload) position. Twin bins below hold soiled clothing until full load is collected. Sort as you file—delicate or sturdy fabrics, white or colored clothes. When louvered doors are closed, you'd never guess laundry unit is here

This wall of equipment fits together jigsaw style. Washer and dryer—both only 25 inches wide—are stacked up totem-pole fashion, face family area. Built-in oven takes next spot (to the right), but faces kitchen. Baskets decorate back of oven wall. Electric rotisserie can be used from kitchen and family room



Photograph: Cleveland. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. John MacConaty

Avoid fatigue with correct, energysaving work heights, these custom-fit appliances

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Waist-high dishwasher is a super wifesaver, lets you skip bending and stooping. Racks slide out front at a comfortable loading height, near the sink. This giant-size dishwasher can handle dishes plus cooking pans for a family of eight. Space below is put to good use as storage cabinet. Colored appliances, cabinets like these add sparkle to your kitchen decor

Data: Jeanne Riggs

You can set matched oven unit in wall at the correct elbow level for you. Two complete ovens (one with a rotisserie attachment) are ready to go into action. Plan storage cabinets above and below these partners, if needed. Equipment is 44½ inches wide—an answer for families who need more than one oven. This is only one of the many new "twin" appliances available now for your kitchen

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Barbecue-fireplace is welcome addition to kitchen, favorite spot for gathering of the clan

You'll find more kitchens with a corner for family fun and for entertaining friends; with a spot for dining and relaxing, too. Dad can take a hand at barbecuing. There's a fireplace for every taste—from big, rustic-looking ones to small, high-style prefabricated units. This informal area is becoming more popular now that larger kitchens are back in vogue. It also gives you an extra nook to try your hand at decorating; a place to add your favorite accessories

Photograph: Cleveland. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. John MacConaty

News for dated rooms!

Back in fashion with the Oriental look

By Mary L. Ritter

You don't need a new house to enjoy the beauty and simplicity of furnishings in the new Oriental trend. Proof is the older home of the Dr. Chester Howards of Berkeley, California.

The Howards achieved the Oriental look they wanted by combining their own ingenuity with the Oriental decorating basics: emphasis on long horizontal lines, lots of white with black for striking contrasts, simplified backgrounds, and dramatic accessories placed importantly in the room.

In the living room, for instance, long trough lighting on one wall turns the corner to highlight a handsome collection of Oriental brass on the fireplace shelves. In the bedroom, translucent shoji panels slide across the windows, are echoed by black-framed white walls across the room.

Part of the transformation was as simple as painting furniture black or arranging cherry branches in the corner for atmosphere. The result is charming rooms done with restraint and with good taste.

BEFORE, it was difficult to arrange furniture and decorate the living room because the bad architectural features were very prominent.

Door to back part of house was in an awkward spot. Bookshelves made the fireplace wall look one-sided. Rough texture of the plaster was unpleasant.

AFTER door was moved and cover-up wood paneling was in place, shelves to balance the others could be built next to the fireplace. There was wall space enough for a loveseat, too.

Translucent panels in the bottom of the lighting trough let light from the fluorescent tubes go down to dramatize corner arrangement. Refacing the fireplace with gypsum board and wallpaper was part of background simplification.

BEFORE, living room didn't have any style or decorative theme. Windows were small and unrelated in placement. The large folding screen was dark and heavy-looking in the corner.

The room needed more bookshelves and something to give it character. One advantage: furniture shapes were good.

AFTER upholstered pieces, window, and folding screens had been covered with a silky fabric, they had more Oriental flavor, and the effect was more unified. Furniture legs and tables were all painted black to repeat the frame color of the sliding shoji window panels.

Screens on both sides of the sofa, and draperies on the entire wall above the bookcases hide more rough plaster.

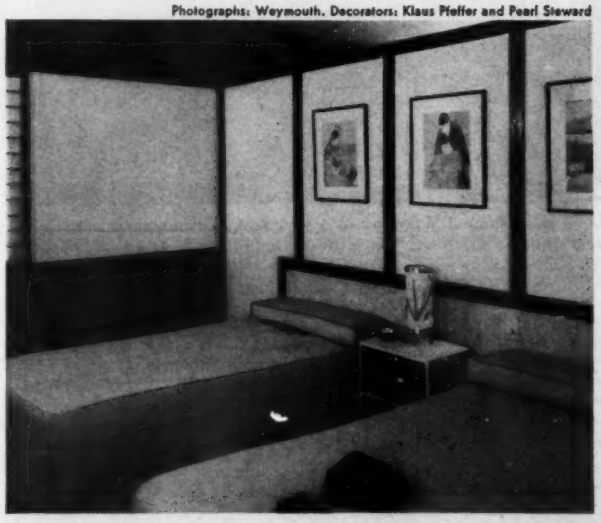
Three photographs: Evans

BEFORE, the bedroom lacked storage space, and needed an unusual window treatment to give personality to room, disguise fact that window length varied.

Two windows were partially hidden behind the chests. Bracket lights were too small and ineffectively placed.

AFTER the remodeling, the bedroom repeated the Oriental style of the living room. The same shoji window panels were used—a wonderful idea where both light and privacy are needed. The black frames disguise the uneven window level and act as tracks for the panels so they can slide all the way back to the corners. Adding a cabinet at each end of twin chests provided storage. New top makes them look like one unit.

Photographs: Weymouth. Decorators: Klaus Pfeffer and Pearl Steward



A band of mirrors above the beds, next to the ceiling, create the illusion that this wall is only a partition with the ceiling running through into the room beyond. Line of black strips was continued all around the room to tie windows and furnishings together and "frame" the pictures, making the whole group more important. What looks like a headboard is really a panel of combed plywood framed and fastened to the wall

Best two-faced room we've seen is the family room and kitchen with its eating bar through the center. This is the heart of the house and used every hour from breakfast until bedtime. Roll up the reversible wool rug and there's the waxed concrete dancing floor. Blue denim curtains, leather and sturdy upholstery take wear by family and their pets without a complaint

Love this kitchen! Windows over sink look out on entrance drive. Just showing at left is a Welch dresser holding Mrs. Learned's Meissen china. Broom storage at back of dresser faces refrigerator. Tiled serving counter on kitchen side makes meal serving almost effortless

Landscape Architect: Joseph Copp, Jr.

Garden colors flow right across the terrace into the living room, with both walls and carpet in green, a flattering contrast for the well-filled bookshelves and unusual framed prints. Draw curtains are linen, ready but seldom pulled because the porch roof cuts off south sun. Fireplace faces glass wall. Game table has own corner

Five happy people did this...

- *led in the new trend in planning their entire place as a unit—house and garden at same time.*
- *found room for all their hobbies.*
- *limited space to what they can care for themselves.*

Photographs: deGennaro. Decorator: Louis de Haven Shaw, A.I.D.

Both house and flower beds accommodate themselves to the hilltop site. This view from the master bedroom gives an idea of how house, terrace, and garden are knit together.

There's a bit of their own land and a living picture outside each window and door. Evergreen pears, one year in place, already focus attention on the long view down across the lawn.

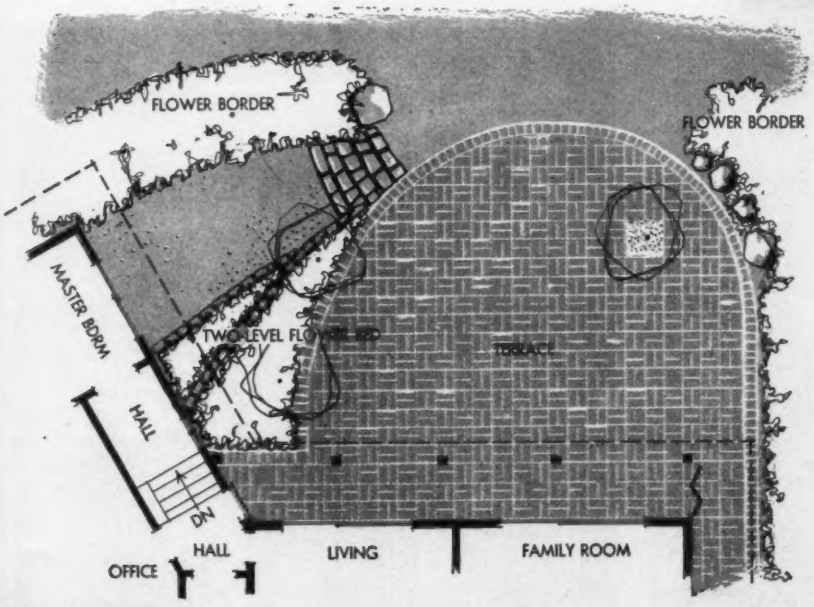
By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

The Richard Learned family of Rolling Hills have just the new home they want because they thought about it for 2 years before they built—and not casually and wishfully. They examined every facet, every change in their living since they had last built.

They looked ahead. All five prefer informal living. The children needed more space for their activities. But house and garden could not be so big that they'd need outside help.

So dining-room space went into the big family room, bedrooms were cut down a bit, and color and wearing qualities were assessed highly in all the furnishings.

Then house and garden were wrapped around each other in the plan. And now—everybody's happy.



This is the garden side of the house—comfortable and private. Flowers on shrubs, annuals, perennials, and pot plants curve like a half-moon round the spacious brick terrace. Everything's in easy reach.

When the sun is hot, chairs are pulled back under the porch. The porch is also a sun visor for those sitting or working in the living room and family room

Turn the page for more pictures

Five happy people did this . . . *Continued*

A home has to be as durable as canvas and as stretchy as a sweater and yet be something you're proud of when it houses five—three, young and adventurous

Everyday living is fun when all the work is streamlined and there's time for hobbies and for teaching new tricks to Candy, the cocker.

Caper, the inky poodle, and a riding horse are counted family, too.

Pancakes by Father come out something special as Richard Learned makes them. And so do roasts done on his electric spit in the family room.

A connoisseur of fine woods, Learned and his sons are doing some serious carpentry on small home projects.

Garage sits at right angle to house front and drive doubles as turnaround and parking space. Also as speedway for scooters.

Workshop adjoining garage has radiant heat in floor so boys and Father can work there in comfort on winter evenings.

Betty Learned is a wonderful cook and meal planner and thoroughly enjoys setting a pretty and colorful table. Here on the porch she uses the huge and famous rose Charlotte Armstrong with silver and Pink Tower Spode and starts an informal meal off delightfully with big strawberries and juicy wedges of ripe pineapple bedded in mint sprigs

See page 112 for unique "family office"

Entrance proves that practical materials can be handsome

As you circle down the drive around a low knob graded knowingly for its wind-stopping value, you see the Learned house, low and white, and spread out like an old-time ranch that's taken easily to the motor age. A broad, brick walk along house borders the black-topped driveway

Inside the recessed door there's still more brick which floors front hall and passage (to right) to bedrooms and utility room. They use large, plain, clay pots each filled with five to seven geraniums and get bold color that is easy to care for here on the north front of the house

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THE HOUSE you saw on page 48 uses this ageless building system, and to wonderful advantage. Now here, we expose its simple framing that's become today's new, low-cost way to build. Once you know its workings, you'll understand why, more and more, we're getting better modern houses with . . .

Posts, panels, planks, and beams

Heavy outriggers, deep protective overhangs, huge window panels in evenly spaced units—the clean, orderly look of repeating straight lines—these are the unmistakable trademarks of post and beam

By Ken Olson

Unlike other methods of building, you don't need an engineer's eye to grasp the beauty and meaning of post and beam. At a glance, you'll see how a simple framework tells the all-important story . . . of new flexibility in planning and design . . . new ease of construction . . . of new harmony between structural parts and enclosed spaces.

And because this fine old system of wood construction can offer a lot more house for a lot less money, we think it's worth showing how it goes together. Look over the photographs and drawings. Could be, the next house you'll build is here!

Interior "curtain" walls: Place them anywhere you like, the structure doesn't need their support

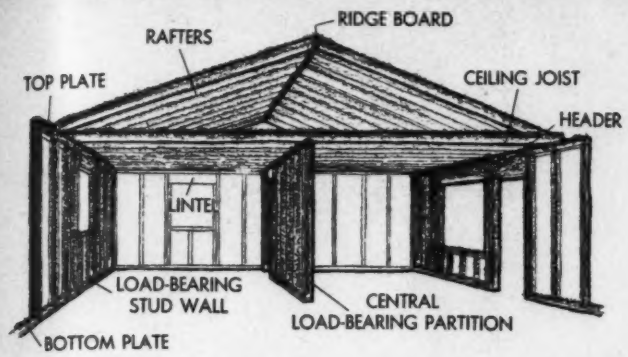
Architect: William Gaster

In post and beam, how you divide space is purely up to you. Walls always can be more than walls. Since they carry no roof weight, you can move them at will, make them glide on tracks, use every inch for storage—or entirely forget them. In some post-and-beam houses, even exterior walls are converted to storage, especially in bedrooms and utility-work areas where the view isn't so important

Photograph: Reynolds, Photography, Inc. Architects: Humphrey and Herdenbergh

Where system leaves freestanding posts, good design can turn them into valuable (and decorative) assets. Storage unit along this hall is tailored to fit space from post to post, subtly sets off living room from walkway. In post-and-beam construction, you don't need expensive applied details. The structural "ribs" are both *strength and beauty*, plainly left to show

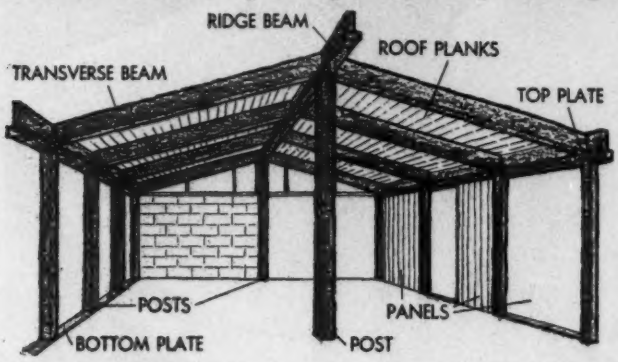
Joist and rafter limits interior arrangement



Conventional wood framing system—joist and rafter—has ceiling joists extending from exterior bearing walls (walls that carry weight of roof) to interior bearing partition. Most serious drawback: central bearing wall is indispensable, severely hampers room layout.

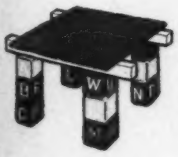
Too, roof and wall make-up is complicated. At every window and door opening, walls must be heavily braced to be structurally safe.

Post and beam: it opens space, frees planning

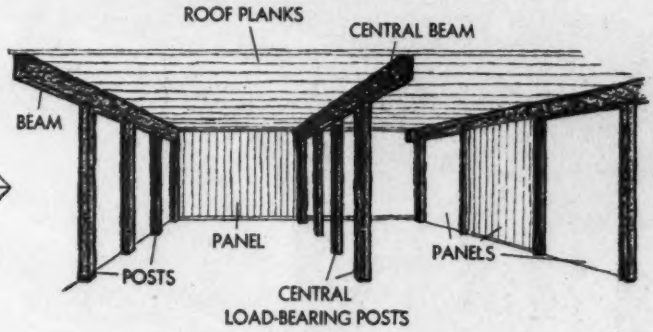


In "open" framing, load-bearing walls no longer are needed. Instead, posts—most often spaced 4 to 8 feet apart—carry heavy wood beams that reach to center ridge beam. Roof and ceiling are one and the same—wood planks, insulating roof decking, or stressed-skin plywood panels.

Result: new planning freedom in which interior walls are in no way tied to the structural system. Rooms are planned anywhere you want them.



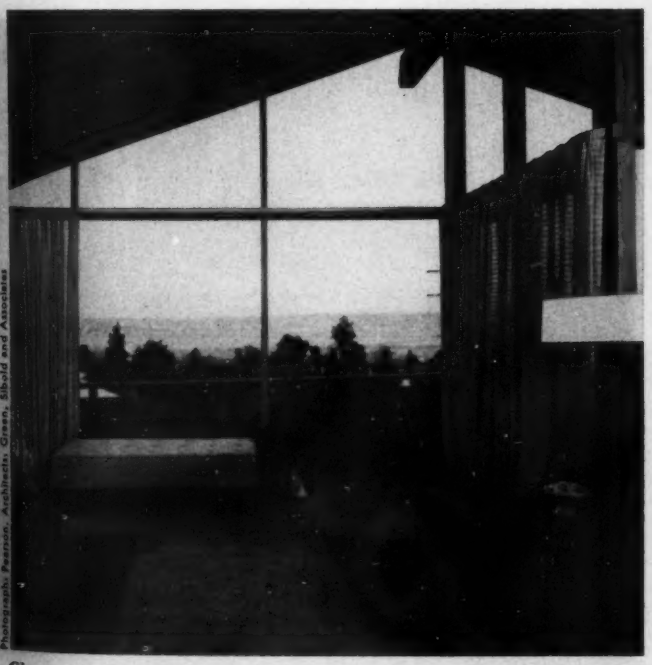
In simple terms, post and beam is not unlike the kind of "house" you built as a youngster. Toy blocks made the posts, and strips of wood, the beams. Beams, in turn, supported the roof—cardboard or heavy paper. You had no real walls, but neither does post and beam



Ideal for flat-roof houses, post and beam is also perfect foil for modular planning (design method where space is developed in repeating units of measure). Here, house is divided into modules of 8 and 12 feet, allowing use of standard-size wall panels around the perimeter.

Another big advantage: exterior walls can be great view windows set between posts—or lightweight wood panels where privacy is important.

Glass-filled walls and sweeping views—as much a part of post-and-beam as the framework itself



Photographs: Pearson, Architects: Green, Sibold and Associates

Glass—as we've rarely used it before—is an everyday component of this remarkable building system. With it, your roof floats on a cushion of light and air, swelling space upward and outward. With it, the whole outdoors can become a visual part of indoor living. This is panelized building developed to its finest—and highest—point, to a new concept in open space planning

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing. Architect: The Architects Collaborative

Again, glass shows its dramatic strength . . . to boost space . . . to join outdoor and indoor areas . . . to lift the view clear to the ceiling. Each panel here is 12 feet wide, and each is an orderly unit in the make-up of the house. This, too, is the beauty of the structural system: the extra it costs you for great glass walls can be easily gained back in framing your house with posts and beams

More on page 141

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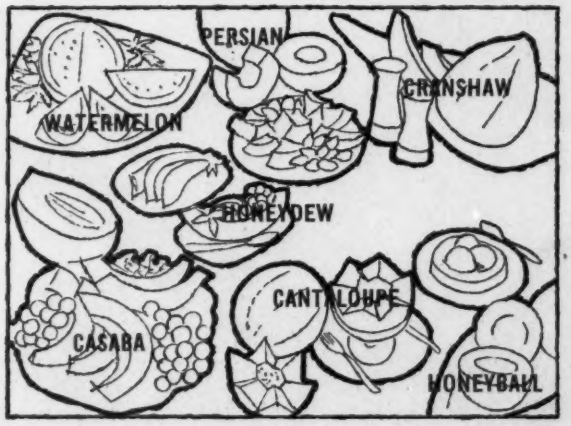
Melon jubilee

News from the melon vine—quick and easy desserts, salads, and appetizers

A whole parade of melons is traveling cross-country. Even cranshaws (delicate as hothouse flowers) go far from their Western home these days. So look to your neighborhood market for new and old-time treats like the juicy wonders you see in our picture.

Can't beat melon for a lightning dessert. Have it icicle-cold, of course, and cut it in wedges or zigzag in half as we did our cantaloupe (see how on page 81). Or slice it in circles—like the honeyball—and fill with scoops of raspberry sherbet. And remember the chilly, rich goodness of an old-fashioned cantaloupe sundae, the center piled high with vanilla ice cream. Or give melon a fruit partner of grapes or strawberries, [*Turn to page 81*

Meet the melon family pictured opposite

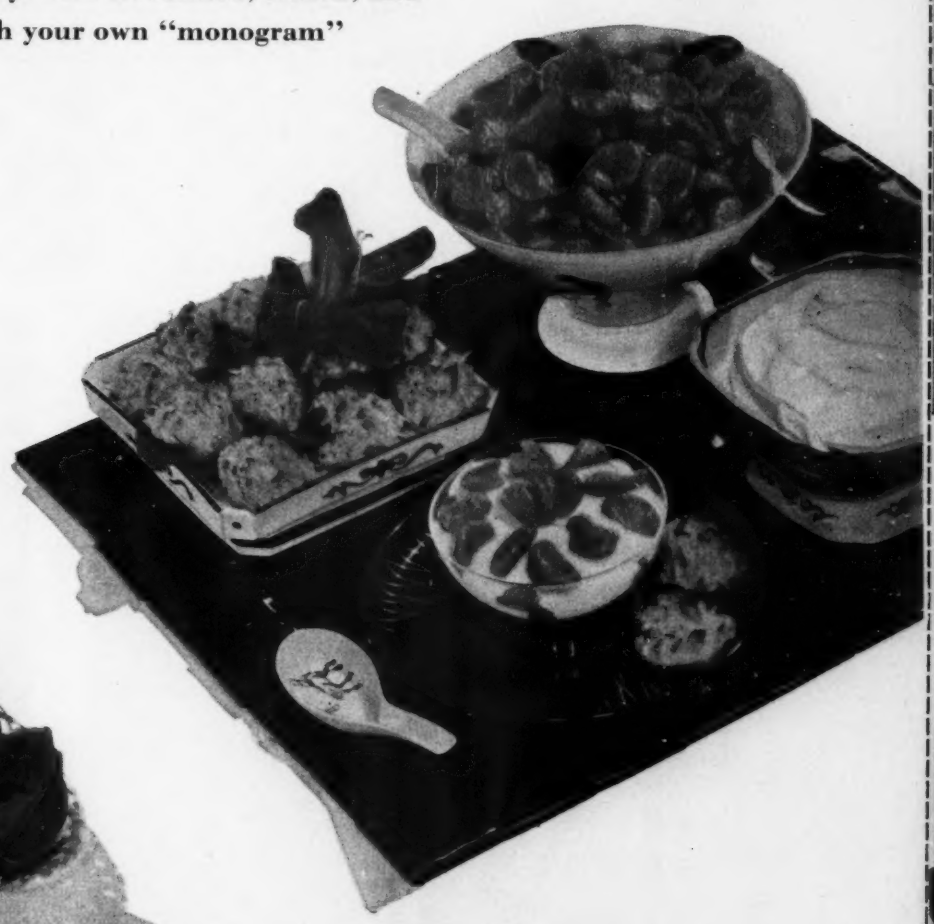


How to be a mealtime artist

with food from a package

That's the trend—meals fast as skat, but as tempting as if they'd kept you busy all day. Call on canned, frozen, and packaged foods, serve them with your own "monogram"

By Better Homes & Gardens Foods Staff



Oriental Dinner

Egg Rolls — Fried Shrimp
Sweet-sour Sauce — Mustard Sauce
Chicken Chow Mein
Chinese Fried Rice — Soy Sauce
Preserved Kumquats
Oriental Salad
Mandarin Orange Dessert
Coconut Macaroons
Green Tea

Egg rolls and fried shrimp: *Each comes in a frozen package, already cooked —just heat in the oven.*
They're the exciting starter (lower left, opposite page) for this Cantonese-American feast. Serve them hot and crisp with Sweet-sour Sauce and Mustard Sauce (recipes on page 91).

Chicken Chow Mein: *Packaged frozen cooked chow mein sparked with canned mushrooms and water chestnuts.*
(It's in the white bowl, top of opposite page.) Grease large skillet lightly; add two 1-pound 4-ounce packages frozen chicken chow mein. Cover and heat over low heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture comes to boiling. Add one 6-ounce can broiled sliced mushrooms, drained, one 5- or 6-ounce can water chestnuts, drained, and ¼ cup slivered blanched almonds, toasted; heat to boiling. Serve garnished with toasted almonds. Pass a bottle of soy sauce. Makes 5 servings.

Chinese Fried Rice: *Quick with a package of precooked rice, a can of mushrooms, bottled soy sauce.*
(Picture is across the page, center.) Prepare one 5-ounce package (1⅓ cups) precooked rice [*Turn to page 91*

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Porch Supper

Chicken 'n Biscuits
Garden Relishes
Pink Snow
Chocolate-ribbon Angel Cake

Chicken 'n Biscuits: Heat frozen chicken a la king according to package directions. If you like, add canned chicken, canned or cooked frozen peas, mushrooms, chopped pimiento. Serve topped with hot biscuits—packaged refrigerated kind, ready to bake.

Pink Snow: Combine ⅔ cup sugar and 3 cups water; bring to boiling, then simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add one 6-ounce can frozen pink-lemonade concentrate; stir till melted. Add few drops red food coloring. Pour into freezer tray. Freeze firm. Break in chunks and beat smooth. Return to tray; freeze firm. Serve in sherbets, as at right. Makes 6 servings.

Chocolate-ribbon Angel Cake: (Easy with packaged angel-cake mix, chocolate shot, and frosting mix.) Prepare batter from 1 package angel-cake mix according to the directions. Pour ⅓ of the batter into ungreased 10-inch tube pan; sprinkle with 3 tablespoons chocolate shot. Add another third of batter; sprinkle with 3 tablespoons chocolate shot. Cover with remaining batter. Bake according to directions. For frosting, prepare packaged fluffy instant-frosting mix and tint pink with red food coloring.

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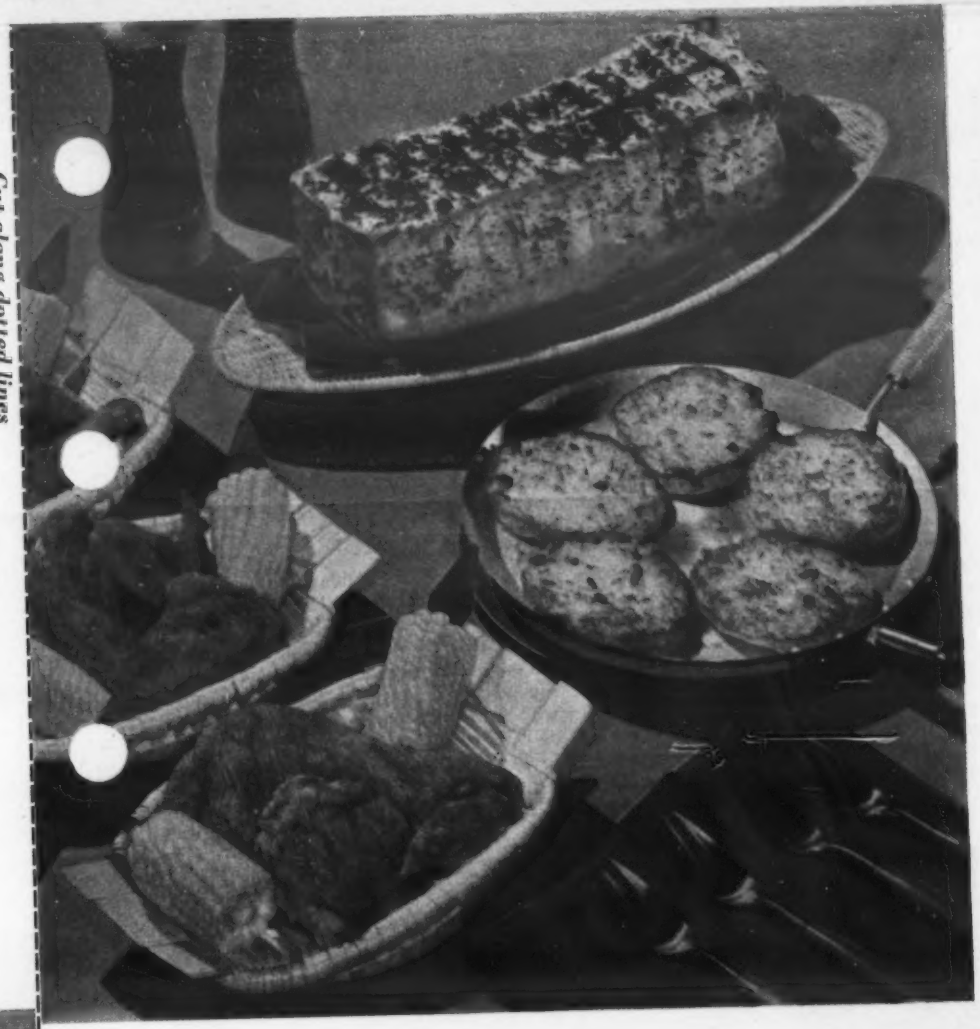


Chicken Basket Dinner

Fried Chicken
Browned Potato Patties — Corn Coblets
Tomato Salad Mold
Parsley-butter Loaf
Peach Shortcake Dessert Cups
Hot Coffee or Iced Tea

Recipes on next page

Fried chicken: (Frozen fried, from a package.) Heat frozen fried chicken in the oven. Arrange each serving in a little basket along with buttered corn coblets.

Potato patties: (Packaged frozen, ready for browning.) Just brown them on both sides in a skillet while the chicken heats.

Parsley-butter Loaf: Trim crust from top and sides of a 1-pound unsliced sandwich loaf. Cut loaf in half lengthwise, *almost* to bottom crust. Then cut crosswise in 12 slices, *almost* to bottom. Combine ½ cup soft butter, ½ cup chopped parsley, and 1 tablespoon lemon juice; spread between slices. Place on baking sheet and heat in moderate oven (375°) 8 to 10 minutes, or till hot and crusty. Sprinkle top with parsley. Pass in napkin-lined basket and let folks break off the slices.

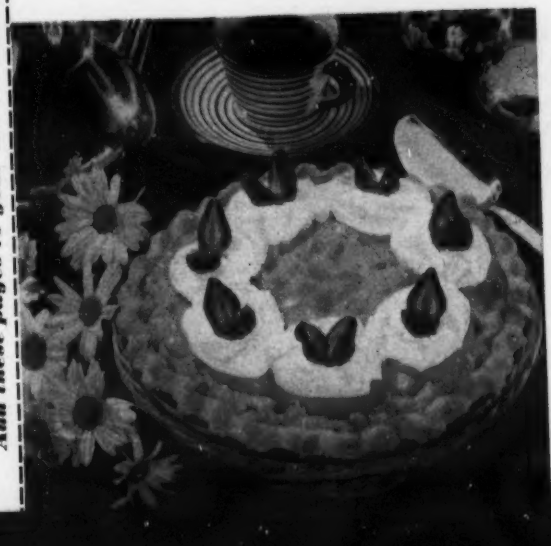
Tomato Salad Mold: (Simple with canned tomato sauce and lemon-flavored gelatin.) Dissolve 1 package lemon-flavored gelatin in 1¼ cups hot water. Blend in one 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce, 1½ tablespoons vinegar, ½ teaspoon salt, and dash pepper. Pour into 3-cup mold or individual molds. Chill till firm. Unmold on lettuce. Add carrot curls, cucumber cuts, and green-pepper strips. Makes 5 servings.

Peach Shortcake Dessert Cups: Fill sponge-cake dessert cups (from a package) with sweetened whipped cream. Top with chilled canned peach halves, hollow side up. Center with dollop of whipped cream. Serve with extra sliced peaches.

Add these pages to your Better Homes & Gardens Cook Book

Soup 'n Sandwiches

Choice of Chilled Soups
(Tomato Cooler, Vichyssoise,
Jellied Consomme)
Broiled Open-face Cheese Sandwiches
Strawberry Parfait Pie



Tomato Cooler: Thoroughly combine 1 can condensed tomato soup, 1 can water, and ¼ cup frozen orange-juice concentrate. Chill well. Top with fluffs of whipped cream. Makes 5 servings.

Vichyssoise: Heat 1 can frozen condensed cream of potato soup to thaw; add 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup and 1 can milk. Beat, or blend in blender. Add 1 cup light cream. Cover; chill well. Snip chives atop. Makes 5 servings.

Jellied Consomme: Chill cans of consomme 3 hours (or 1 hour in freezer).

Lattice Cheese Sandwiches: Toast trimmed bread slices; spread one side with canned deviled ham. Top ham with lattice of cheese strips. Broil 3 inches from heat just till cheese *starts* to melt.

Strawberry parfait pie has filling of frozen strawberries, ice cream, and strawberry-flavored gelatin. Recipe is in May issue of *Better Homes & Gardens* and *Better Homes & Gardens New Cook Book*. Crust is from packaged sticks of pie-crust mix.

PUSH OUT

THE CONTEMPORARY WAY—THIRD IN A SERIES

ABC's of flower arrangement

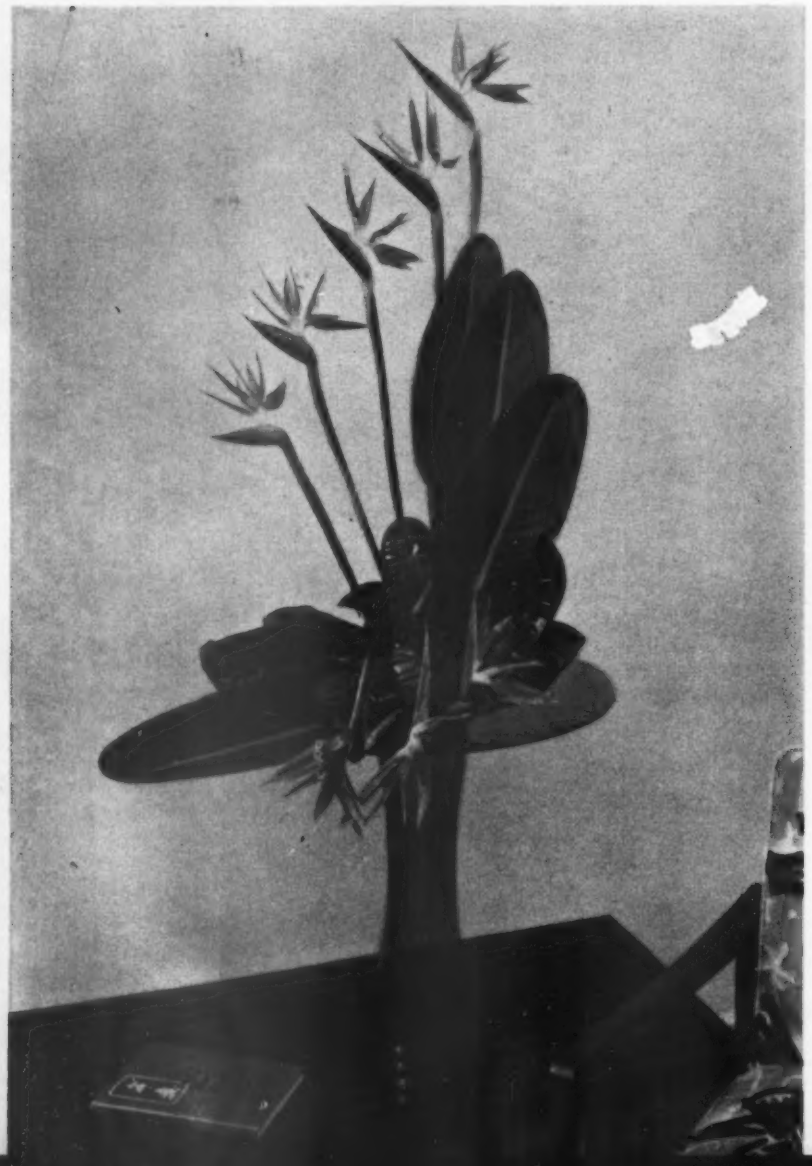
By Fae Huttenlocher

The American Contemporary school of flower arranging is exciting, dramatic, and imaginative. In spite of its seeming sophistication and freedom of composition, it remains a true offspring of its two famous parents; the Oriental and the Traditional schools of flower arranging—described and pictured for you in the June and July issues of *Better Homes & Gardens*.

From the Oriental technique, the modern arranger takes his preoccupation with line; and from the Traditional bouquet, his interest in variety and beauty of materials. To these characteristics, he adds an original and daring use of striking colors, bold forms, and unusual textures.

The term "flower arrangement" implies an artistic placement of plant materials in a receptacle. Your success with the modern technique lies in the word "artistic." There are no restrictions or limitations in types of containers or in combinations of materials and colors—other than your own artistic judgment of what is fitting and harmonious.

Select your containers to fit agreeably into your own surroundings. Use plant and other materials that are companionable in scale, texture, and form. Put them together with imagination and trust. You'll find yourself fashioning extravagantly simple, Contemporary arrangements as lovely as those created for these pages by Jack Daniels.



A striking combination of line and design is achieved in this arrangement of 11 ti leaves and 11 peony-carnations on a needlepoint with watercup. Both are set on a flat green plate

In this exotic composition, the designer uses a large needlepoint holder for strelitzia blossoms and foliage in marching array, with more blossoms, croton leaves, and lobster shells at the focal point. The 22-inch crystal bowl is fastened with plastic clay to a tall glass cylinder; the lobster shells are permanently preserved by reboiling after the meat has been eaten

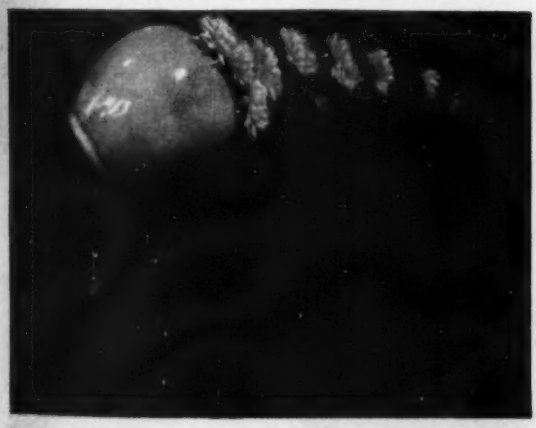
Jack Fredric Daniels' exciting innovations in the field of flower arranging have established him as the outstanding designer and teacher in the Contemporary school of this creative art. His daytime and evening classes at the College of San Mateo in San Mateo, California, are attended by enthusiastic amateurs and professionals who range in age from 18 to 84.

Mr. Daniels insists that flower arranging can never become a static art because of the universal interest and constant experimentation in the field. Here we see him placing the finishing touches on a summery arrangement of carnations and caladium leaves, used imaginatively with fan coral and green glass fish floats.

Surprising originality and rich color contrasts earmark this arrangement as a Contemporary one. It is finished and attractive from any angle, as a coffee-table decoration should be. The brass-and-iron locust is a bright modern touch

Photographs: Weymouth; L. A. Roberts home, San Mateo

Here are steps you can follow for an interesting coffee-table arrangement



Step 1. Place fat, rounded vase on its side and secure with plastic clay to circular plaque. Insert needlepoint in container and fill with as much water as possible. Arrange seven mums of varying lengths, placing the longest first. Give stems a crescent turn

Step 2. Place a small needlepoint with its own watercup at base of container. Into it, secure in an extending crescent shape, four green leaves of assorted sizes. Add five mums close to the base, and three leaves at one side of the first half of crescent

More on next page

ABC's of flower arrangement *Continued*

For a provocative blending of seasons, combine fresh and dried materials. In this interesting buffet arrangement, palm spath, contorted palm leaf, five chrysanthemums, and two branches of dried salal are secured in coarse, wet gravel

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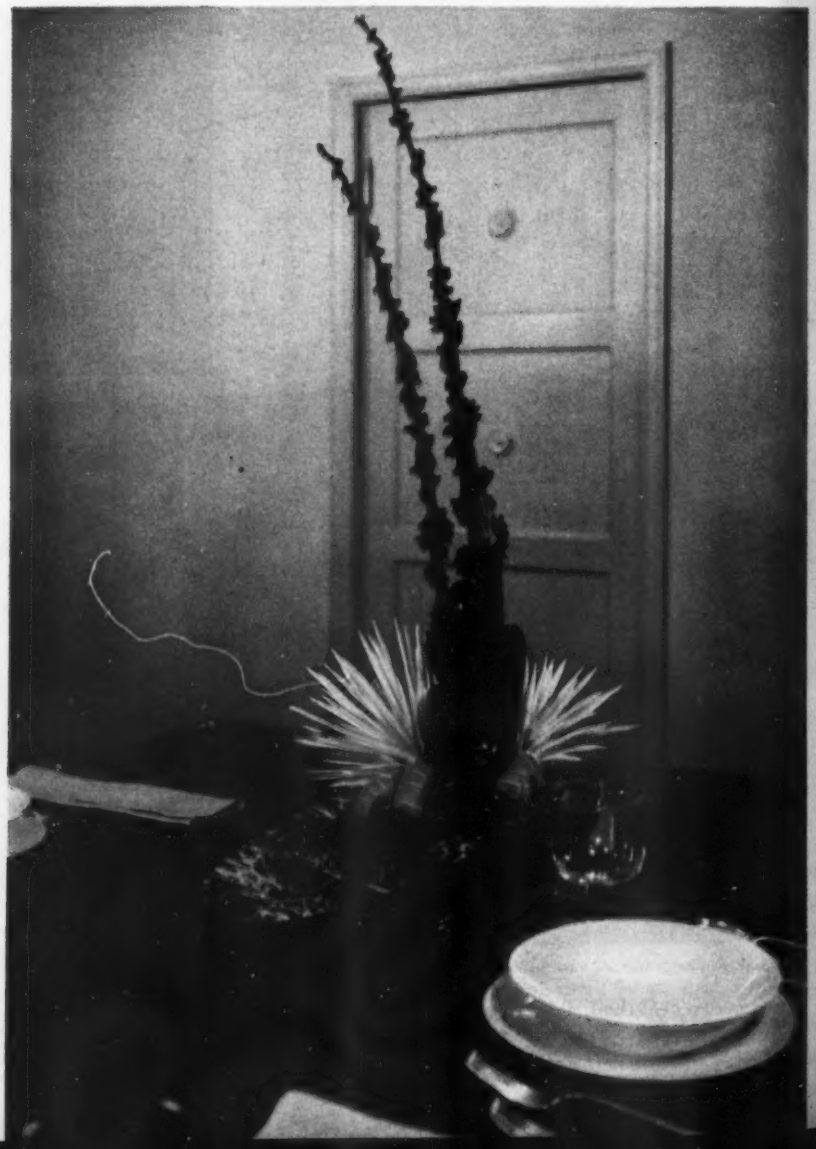
Repetition of line and contrast in textures creates this eye-arresting, waterless composition. Use a large needlepoint on a piece of polished wood. On it place 3 natural tree fungi and 11 echeveria (hen-and-chickens plant) of graduated sizes, with 2 ceramic birds

To make this waterless, black and white dining-table arrangement, three plaques (mirror or covered hardboard) were used. Blackened palm branches with dates removed and whitened yucca clusters were fixed to a needlepoint. Three lobster-tail shells and a black figurine add interest



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Money for your recipes

Fruit-cocktail specials; cheese favorites

YOU MAY be one of the lucky cooks to win a cash prize in our new contest. We'd like your best recipe for a fruit-cocktail special or a cheese favorite. Two Cooks-of-the-Month will each receive $20—nineteen other winners will receive $5 each. Selected winning recipes will be pictured in the Prize Tested Recipes pages next March. The winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and six copies of the endorsed recipe.

Hints to help you

Canned fruit-cocktail specials. Maybe the recipe that brings in your best rave notices is for a dessert—baked, refrigerated, or frozen—for a salad, pie, tarts, or cake. Or, perhaps it's for a sauce or a glaze for meat? Look below for suggestions:

frozen fruit pudding
upside-down cake
fruit salad plate
melon-ball fruit cocktail
glazed fruit pie
fruited gelatin mousse
chicken-fruit salad
fruit cream pie

Cheese favorites. These may include such tempters as a wonderful egg concoction, hearty casserole, or main-dish sandwich. It's your choice of cheese: process or natural American, cottage, cream, Swiss, blue, Edam, or an Italian-type cheese. Ideas:

tomato rabbit
cheese-ham casserole
seafood au gratin
cheese fondue
pizza
macaroni and cheese
cheese souffle
blue-cheese dressing
cheeseburgers

This month's winners

(*See recipes on pages 85 and 86*)

Cook-of-the-Month for Frosty Desserts
Mrs. Arthur Guenther, Grand Forks, N. D.

Cook-of-the-Month for Canned-meat Fix-ups
Mrs. Wm. G. Brown, Arlington, Va.

Other Winners

Lena Brown, Wadesville, Ind.
Mrs. Lester Hohnroth, Nebraska City, Nebr.
Mrs. V. L. McCulley, Springfield, Ill.
Mrs. Edna McKay, Centralia, Wash.
Mrs. Wm. Ribelin, Madison, Wis.
Mrs. Willard F. Schenck, Trenton, Ohio

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Mrs. Glenn J. Powanda, Havre de Grace, Md.
Mrs. Agnes Saunders, Newport News, Va.
Mrs. DeWayne Stokes, Highland, Ind.
Mrs. Vernon Townsend, Vernon, Tex.

Contest rules

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time, and mark it "March Fruit-cocktail Specials" or "March Cheese Favorites."
2. Print your full name and address in upper right corner of paper.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons—never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the origin of the recipe you submit.
6. Recipes submitted become property of *Better Homes & Gardens.*
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, August 31.
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DINTY MOORE Beef Stew

The big meal in the big can

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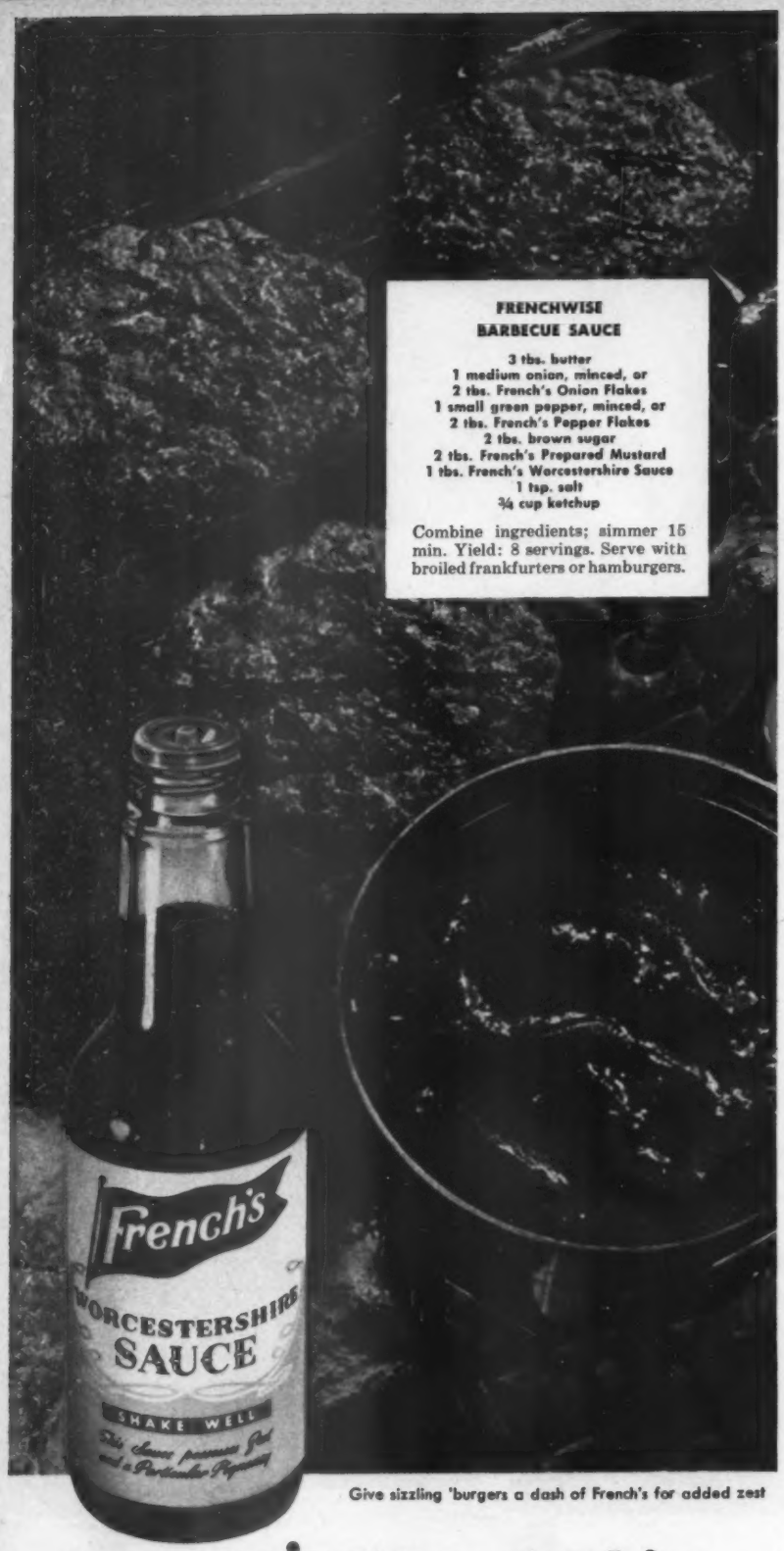

FRENCHWISE BARBECUE SAUCE

3 tbs. butter
1 medium onion, minced, or
2 tbs. French's Onion Flakes
1 small green pepper, minced, or
2 tbs. French's Pepper Flakes
2 tbs. brown sugar
2 tbs. French's Prepared Mustard
1 tbs. French's Worcestershire Sauce
1 tsp. salt
¾ cup ketchup

Combine ingredients; simmer 15 min. Yield: 8 servings. Serve with broiled frankfurters or hamburgers.

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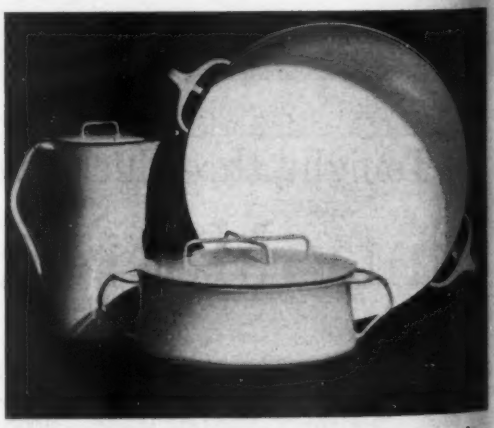
New table furnishings

YOUR preferences in family dining may run to breakfast in the kitchen, luncheon on a tray, and buffet dinners before the fire. Regardless of menu or manner of serving, you can give each meal an air of graciousness by offering it smartly. Here are some new trends to add personality to your table, tray, and brunch bar.

Photographs: Hopkins

Contoured shapes and sturdy materials make the new tableware remarkably easy to care for. You can cook, bake, and serve in this white-bodied china called Frolic. Circe pattern stainless steel and Flair tumbler are equally attractive and serviceable



Unusual styling and smart decorator colors make these enameled iron baking and serving dishes practical additions to your table wardrobe. The pin-point welded handles stay cool; and the covers, inverted, become trivets

and accessories

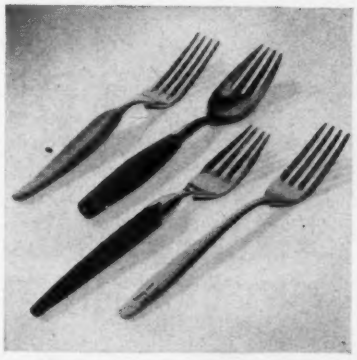
Free-form shapes, beautiful natural markings, and stunning combinations of wood with sterling silver put these handsome buffet and table accessories in a class by themselves.

The salad and condiment bowls with matching servers have a smooth, unvarnished finish; and the stately pepper grinder and salt shaker carry a rich, hand-rubbed polish.

And look what's happening to stainless steel!

Smart styling and colorful combinations with plastic or wood bring this serviceable metal right out of the kitchen and on to the most proper table setting.

The raised block initial, done in bronze, is an unusual and striking addition to an otherwise unadorned pattern.



Evidence of the trend to freshness and simplicity of design in table appointments is seen in this grouping of Thistledown china, Celeste sterling, and Patrician crystal

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French's rich mustard goodness never fades out in cooking

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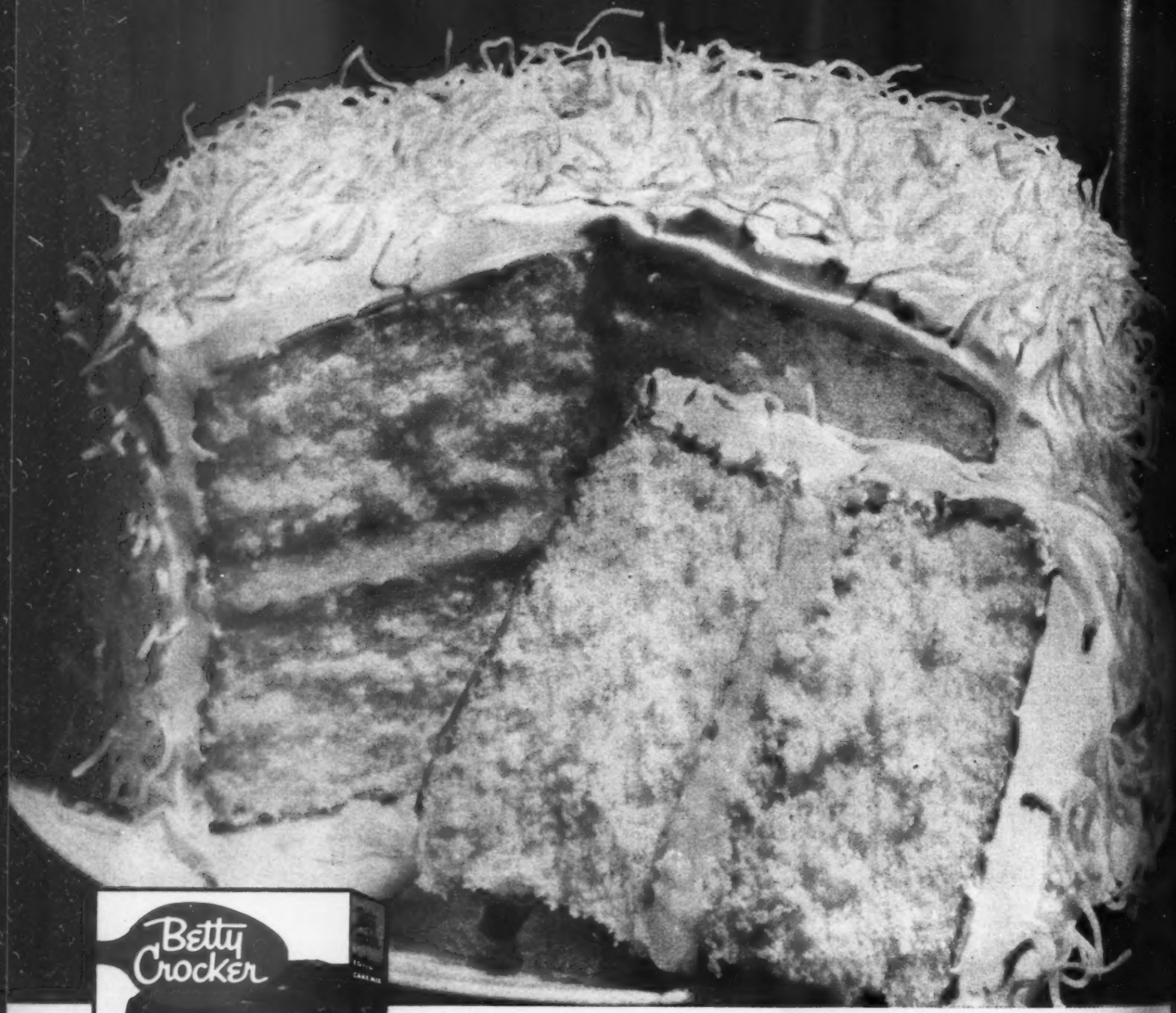

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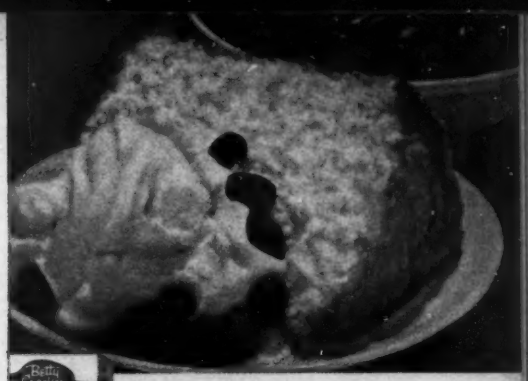
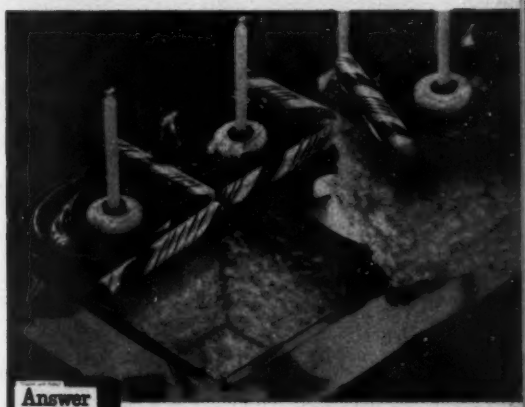
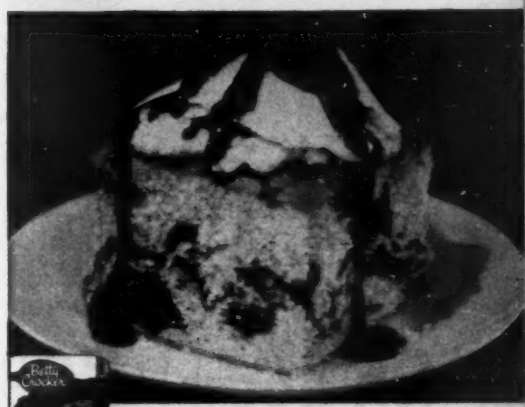
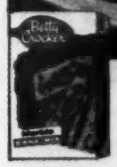


Summer Delight. Bake a high 'n light Betty Crocker Angel Food Cake. The whites of 13 farm-fresh eggs are right in the mix. Heap with berries. Top with whipped cream.



Answer Cake. New—from Betty Crocker! All in one package: Yellow Cake Mix, Chocolate Fudge Frosting Mix, even the baking pan! Trim with gay peppermint sticks and candles.





Marble Fudge Sundae. Top our Marble Cake with ice cream. Make sauce with Betty Crocker Instant Chocolate Fudge Frosting Mix.

Trix Cakes. Frost your cupcakes with new Betty Crocker Angel Fluff Frosting Mix, trim with Trix – the gay fruit-colored cereal. For cupcake recipe, see White Cake Mix package.

Peanut Cream Loaf. Bake Betty Crocker Peanut Delight Cake Mix in 2 loaf pans, 8½ x 4½ x 2½", for 35 to 40 min. at 350°. Split 1 loaf in 3 layers. Fill and frost with whipped cream, chill.

New! Gay Party Cake! Betty Crocker Confetti Angel Food Mix has colorful bits of sweetness right in the mix. Needs no frosting!

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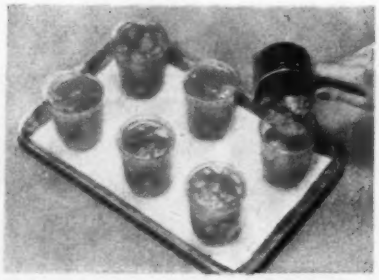
Recipe: perfect homemade peach jam. Peel, pit and crush *3 lbs.* fully ripe peaches. Mix 4 cups prepared fruit in very large saucepan with *1 box Sure-Jell.* (Or use liquid *Certo*—recipe on bottle.) Stir over high heat until mixture comes to hard boil.

Stir in 5 cups sugar at once. Bring to full rolling boil. Boil hard for *1 minute only,* stirring constantly. This short boil time means less juice boils away—so you get up to 50% higher yield, and the flavor comes through fresher—with *Sure-Jell* or *Certo!*



Remove from heat, then alternately stir and skim off foam for 5 minutes. Ladle into glasses. Paraffin at once. Yield: 9 medium glasses, for mere pennies a glass! And you're *sure* of perfect results with either powdered *Sure-Jell* or liquid *Certo!*

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Melon jubilee

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blueberries, or raspberries. Another simple meal ending: a rainbow of melon balls in gold, pink, and emerald—doubly refreshing served in parfait glasses with bubbly ginger ale poured over.

As to salads, melons star in lush fruit plates and platters, in shimmering gelatin molds. Serve with a cruet of fruit French dressing or equal parts honey and lime juice.

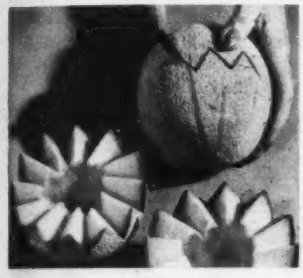
And how about melon as a frosty-cool eye-opener on a hot summer day? Pass the salt shaker for folks who like a sprinkle, and offer lemon or lime wedges to squirt over the fruit.

An aside to waistline watchers: Melons are vitamin high, calorie low. So let's look them over.

Cantaloupe. Even Columbus knew this one! But not the wonders of today—there's a new variety or so almost every year.

In the picture below, your old summertime friend gets a star cut for dainty serving.

Cut zigzag line around middle of melon this way: Thrust knife in



at slant till tip reaches center; pull blade out; thrust knife in again at opposite slant to form point and pull out; continue, making just one cut each time. A broad blade gives wide points.

Remember cantaloupe is a powerhouse of vitamin A—the deeper the orange the better for you.

Honeydew. On page 64 you see this favorite decked out as refreshing appetizers for a porch supper or dressed-up brunch. There are honeydew crescents with paper-thin slices of Prosciutto (Italian-style ham) in between. Also a honeydew wedge with tart lemon and lime sections, fragrant mint, and white grapes.

Honeyball is sweet and round as its name, smaller than honeydew. Family tree—honeydew and cantaloupe. We've sliced our honeyball and filled the rings with raspberry sherbet.

Persian melon. Big enough for the whole family! It's bright orange under its speckled jacket. Flavor's delightful, just slightly sweet. We've teamed juicy chunks with strawberries and Bibb lettuce.

Casaba looks like a jumbo yellow squash, but beneath its sunny skin is creamy-white goodness, sweet and mild. We show this beauty with clusters of cool purple grapes. But try it as a salad, too. No casabas in your market now? Look come peak season in October and November.

Cranshaw is a delightful new member of the melon family—a cross between Persian and casaba. Inside is salmon pink, outside green splashed with gold. Flavor's almost spicy—good mixer with other fruits in salads and fruit cups.

Watermelon. In our basket is a petite model—takes no more room in the refrigerator than a big cantaloupe. These modern midgets now rival the old-fashioned longies.

Is it ripe? Wonder how to tell when melons are at their luscious best? *Experts* admit it's tricky.

Cantaloupes and watermelons must ripen in the melon patch—not in your kitchen—to be sweet and flavorful. But the other kinds we've talked about ripen nicely off the vine—keep them at room temperature till just right for eating.

In choosing a cantaloupe, produce men say to look at the blossom end—the "button" should be smooth, a bit indented, and with tiny cracks radiating from it. No sign of a stem if the melon was ripe when picked. The netting will be coarse and stand out; the color between will be *light* yellow with gray or green tinge.

Perfect cantaloupe is firm, but honeydew and honeyball, casaba, Persian, and cranshaw yield to gentle pressure at blossom end when ripe. But don't be fooled by softness—another customer may have bruised the melon.

The sniff test is another guide. Except for watermelon and casaba, melons have wonderful aroma when ready to eat.

Ripe honeydew and honeyball have creamy yellow skin; casaba goes butter yellow; cranshaw turns lighter green, dappled with gold.

"Thumpin' ripe" is what folks say for watermelon. But beware you don't get the signals mixed! A juicy, ripe melon gives a dull, muffled sound when slapped with the palm of your hand—but so does a dry one!

Look for watermelon with a pretty figure, fresh green or gray color with yellow underside, and velvety bloom all over. Best of all buy a cut melon or have the dealer plug a whole one for you to sample. How about a crisp, sweet wedge right now?

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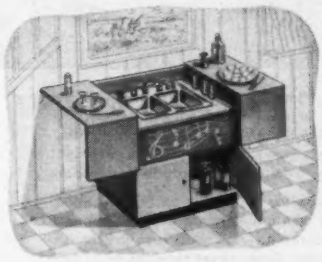

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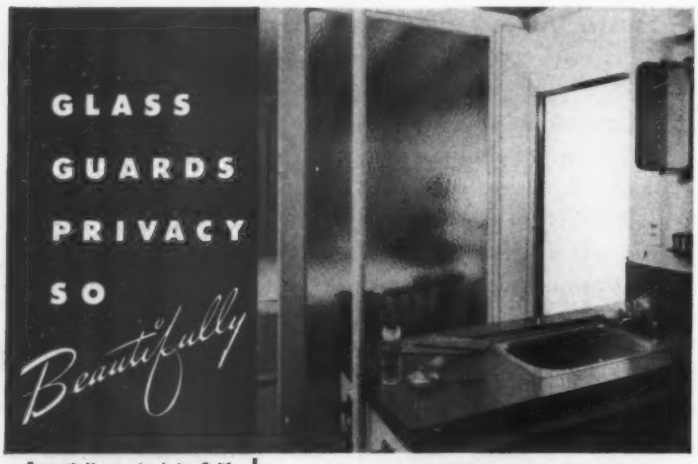

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New table furnishings

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The trend toward an elegant simplicity is seen in these white and gold combinations.

The glazed pottery dinnerware is modernized by gold-rimmed, coupe-shape plates and brass saucers under the squat, full-size cups.

Swirled milk-glass apothecary jars with heavy brass knobs make interesting servers for vegetables or soup.

Here is a four-piece salad set that will find many uses in every household.

The 11-inch bowl and 14-inch plate in clear forest-green crystal, and the handsomely designed silverplated servers may be used as a single unit or separately.

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The specialty items shown here are in the gracefully simple and smart Lady Juliana pattern which is also available in place settings.

and accessories

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The most popular decoration for silver, china, and crystal is the rose. It is used with interesting variety in this magnificent sterling-silver pattern, Repousse. The multi-use pieces shown here will serve in harmony on any table

American Rose, a lovely new silverplate pattern, blends traditional lines with modern restraint in decoration. This beautiful, four-piece tea service and footed snack dish are fine examples of today's trend to useful elegance

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1 package frozen green peas • ½ teaspoon salt • 1½ cups water
1⅓ cups (5-ounce package) Minute Rice
¾ cup mayonnaise • ½ cup chopped dill pickle • 1 teaspoon grated onion
1 cup slivered cooked ham • 1 cup slivered Swiss cheese

Add frozen peas and salt to water in saucepan. Cover. Bring quickly to a full boil. Then add Minute Rice. Stir with a fork to moisten all rice, cover and remove from heat. Let stand 13 minutes. Then add mayonnaise, pickle and onion, mixing with fork. Chill. Before serving, add ham and cheese. Serve on crisp lettuce with a ring of tomato wedges. Serves 6.

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1 12-ounce can luncheon meat, cut in 12 cubes
1 green pepper, cut in 12 squares
12 canned or frozen pineapple chunks
• • •
1 recipe Kabob Sauce
• • •
2 medium tomatoes, quartered

On skewers alternate meat, green pepper, and pineapple. Brush generously with Kabob Sauce. Broil 5 to 6 inches from heat 8 to 9 minutes, or till lightly browned. Turn; place tomatoes on ends of skewers. Brush all with sauce; broil 4 to 5 minutes longer, or till lightly browned. Serve immediately with remaining sauce. Makes 4 servings. **Kabob Sauce:** Combine one 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce, ½ cup pineapple syrup (drained from chunks), ¼ cup finely chopped green onions, ¼ cup butter or margarine, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon monosodium glutamate, and ½ teaspoon salt. Simmer 15 minutes, or till thick.

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Frosty desserts

Chocolate-Almond Velvet

Super smooth! It's like a frozen milkshake only better!—

1 recipe Chocolate Syrup *or* ⅔ cup canned chocolate syrup
⅔ cup sweetened condensed milk
½ teaspoon vanilla
• • •
2 cups heavy cream, whipped
⅓ cup slivered blanched almonds, toasted

Combine Chocolate Syrup, condensed milk, and vanilla; chill. Fold in whipped cream and nuts. Pour into refrigerator tray; freeze till firm. Sprinkle with additional nuts to serve. Makes 8 to 10 servings. **Chocolate Syrup:** Combine ½ cup sugar, ½ cup water, and ¼ cup light corn syrup; cook just to thread stage (230°). Remove from heat; add one and one-half 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate and stir till melted. Add ½ teaspoon vanilla; cool. Makes ⅔ cup.

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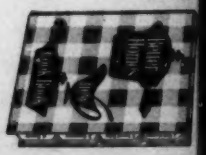

Pineapple Eggnog Sherbet

1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
1 cup hot water
½ cup sugar
1 6-ounce can frozen pineapple-juice concentrate
2 beaten egg yolks
2 cups milk
• • •
2 stiff-beaten egg whites

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Stir in sugar and pineapple concentrate. Combine egg yolks and milk; add to gelatin mixture. Pour into refrigerator tray. Freeze until firm; break in chunks and beat with an electric beater till smooth.* Fold in egg whites. Return to tray; freeze firm. Serve with honeydew cuts and mint. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

*Or freeze till partially frozen; beat smooth with rotary beater.

Mrs. Lester Hohnroth, Nebraska City, Nebraska

Fruity Freeze

¾ cup sugar
2 cups water
2 cups sweetened crushed fresh peaches
1 6-ounce can frozen orange-juice concentrate
3 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
• • •
2 egg whites
¼ cup sugar
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Combine ¾ cup sugar and the water; bring to boiling, simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat; add peaches, concentrate, and lemon juice. Pour into refrigerator tray. Freeze till firm; break in chunks and beat with an electric beater until smooth.* Beat egg whites till soft peaks form; gradually add ¼ cup sugar, beating till stiff peaks form. Fold egg whites and whipped cream into fruit mixture. Return to tray; freeze firm. Makes about 12 servings.

*Or freeze till partially frozen; beat smooth with rotary beater.

Mrs. Wm. Ribelin, Madison, Wisconsin

Double-mint Fluff

3 egg whites
1 10-ounce jar (about 1 cup) mint jelly
1½ tablespoons lemon juice
Few drops green food coloring
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Beat egg whites till foamy; gradually add ½ cup of the jelly (reserve remainder), beating until stiff. Add lemon juice and green food coloring. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into refrigerator tray; freeze firm. Melt reserved jelly, stirring occasionally. Serve over the ice cream. Makes about 8 servings.

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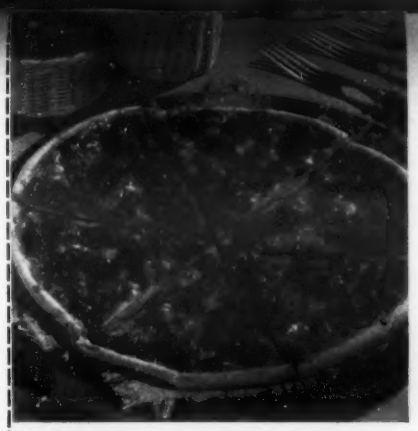

Yankee Pizza

Add ⅔ cup milk to 2 cups packaged biscuit mix, stirring just till moistened. Divide dough in half. On lightly floured surface roll each half in 10-inch circle. Place on ungreased baking sheet; pinch edges up to form slight rim. Place two 8- or 10-ounce cans pork sausages in hot water; let stand 5 to 10 minutes. Drain sausage well; crumble with fork and spread over dough. Sprinkle 2 cups shredded process American cheese atop. Combine one 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce, 1 clove garlic, minced, and ½ teaspoon oregano; drizzle over cheese. Bake in hot oven (425°) 18 to 20 minutes, or till crust is done. Cut each pizza in 4 or 6 wedges and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Mrs. V. L. McCulley, Springfield, Illinois

Skillet Ham-Potato Salad

¼ cup chopped green onions
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 12-ounce can chopped ham, diced
1 tablespoon fat
3 or 4 medium potatoes, cooked, diced (3 cups)
¼ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
¼ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
½ pound sharp process American cheese, diced (1½ cups)
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Cook onions, green pepper, and meat in hot fat, stirring occasionally, till meat is lightly browned. Add potatoes, salt, pepper, and mayonnaise. Heat, mixing lightly. Stir in cheese; heat just till it begins to melt. Sprinkle with parsley. Makes 4 servings.

Mrs. Edna McKay, Centralia, Washington

Chicken Dinner Bake

Drain one 3-ounce can (⅔ cup) broiled sliced mushrooms, reserving liquid. Combine 1 envelope chicken-noodle soup mix and 1½ cups boiling water; simmer 5 minutes. Strain, reserving broth for sauce and noodles for Topper. Combine broth with mushroom liquid and one 6-ounce can (⅔ cup) evaporated milk. Melt ⅓ cup butter or margarine; blend in ⅓ cup enriched flour, ½ teaspoon salt, and dash pepper. Gradually add broth mixture; cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Add mushrooms, three 5-ounce cans (2 cups) boned chicken, diced, 1 cup cooked peas, ¼ cup chopped onion, and ¼ cup chopped pimiento. Pour into greased 2-quart casserole. **Topper:** Combine 2 well-beaten eggs, ¼ teaspoon salt, and reserved noodles; pile atop chicken mixture. Bake in hot oven (400°) 20 to 25 minutes, or till lightly browned. Makes 5 or 6 servings. *Mrs. Willard F. Schenck, Trenton, Ohio*

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Spicy Watermelon Pickles get their goodness from the lemon, cinnamon bark, and whole cloves. Make plenty for your pickle shelf—they're so clear and crisp. Or give some jars of these spicy sweets from your kitchen to friends at Christmastime

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Cook up a batch of Tangy Tomato Sauce when extra tomatoes pile up. Separate brewing of the spices keeps the bright red color. Top a juicy hamburger with a spoonful of sauce, flip the lid of the bun, you're ready for some mighty good eating

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lem since Jack eats a couple of sandwiches on the job, and the children get a school lunch consisting of hot soup, a sandwich, milk and dessert—for 10 cents. Supper is usually stewed beef, liver, or hot dogs, plus potatoes, a vegetable, and home-baked dessert.

Anne makes the family's cakes, pies, rolls, and spiced or "fancy breads" as Jack calls them.

Fortunately, the slack times give Jack an opportunity to replenish the larder in the old-fashioned pioneer way. With a rifle, a $3.75 hunting license, and $3 for ammunition, he brings down pheasant, partridge, squirrels, rabbits, and even an occasional deer.

Since the family loves fish, he combines fun and profit by catching trout—rainbow, brook, and brown—as well as yellow perch, bullhead, and bass.

Anne gives home permanents to the three girls, aged 11, 9, and 7. In late spring, the boys, 8 and 4, receive those tonsorial scalpings known as "butch" haircuts which carry them halfway through the summer. Winters, there is no escaping 75-cent visits to the barbershop for them every 3 weeks. To save on clothes, the children change as soon as they come home from school, without being told.

With the help of his grandfather's beloved tool chest, Jack thinks he can beat at least part of the expense involved in acquiring new furnishings. Little by little down in the cellar, he is refinishing some battered family antiques. He has already taken an old bureau and two chairs down to the bare wood and rerunged and reseated the chairs. He is starting on a third antique chair, and has just about finished the chore of repairing all the furniture in the two lake cottages owned by his mother-in-law and grandmother, where his family summers.

"I believe that charity starts at your home," Jack says. "Next the church, then thy neighbor. I donate one hour's wage each week for these, and try to take care of all the extra charities out of the 'slush fund.' That is my overtime pay, whenever I get it, plus a small amount from my regular income each week."

Anne directs a Brownie troop at the school and finds she has to use some of her own money to buy supplies and equipment. But, with her own girls enrolled, she finds it so worthwhile that she wishes they could afford to give more.

Recreation is just that; a relaxed sort of thing ranging from monopoly and parcheesi games at home with the children to casual evenings of talk or cards with friends. "Usually, nobody puts on the dog—even when work is good," Jack says approvingly.

Since the children play with other families of the same approximate income, there are no social problems. For birthday parties, the neighborhood mothers have arranged that the invitations stipulate presents are to cost only 50 cents or $1. When work is slow, the guests are asked to bring no birthday presents.

Jack emphasizes the economical aspect of his hunting and fishing to such a degree that you suspect maybe he has a bit of a guilty conscience on the subject.

"Really, it has become more of a need than relaxation—it means food," he says very seriously. "The cost for fishing is very low. A license, a new line, three packets of hooks and, just once in a while, a new plug or spoon. I get my own bait, and the price is a gallon or two of gas. Anyway, we usually are already at the lake. Or, if I happen to go with my best friend, we take turns driving. We fish to eat and then think of enjoyment."

His hunting, Jack concedes, is somewhat more expensive, but he points out most of his equipment was given to him, and he wears old clothing, no fancy hunting outfit.

Getting off this delicate subject, Jack says that his budget classes books as "recreation," but actually they buy only self-help books for themselves and, for the children, those that can widen their knowledge and interest.

Aside from going to the lakes, the W.'s haven't been able to afford any long trips, and this past winter, for the first time in 6 years, Anne had a 3-week vacation away from the children, visiting her mother who was temporarily living in the Midwest. Since it was his slack period, anyhow, Jack stayed home and took care of the children.

"I managed to cook, bake, sew, iron, and run the house without mishap," he says proudly. "For her, it was a wonderful trip. My work sometimes takes me away from home as much as 3 weeks at a time, and I know it's hard on a wife to run a home with five children without some help evenings and weekends from the husband.

"Now I *know* what each day has in store for her. I'm thankful that as a child I was taught chores around the house. And, what with today's prepared mixes, meat thermometers, pressure cookers, and automatic laundries I was able to survive. It satisfied my mind that I could do these things in case Anne ever became ill."

Jack and Anne haven't planned too much for the future because it's been just this past year that they were able to catch their breath and begin to look ahead. "With a family of this size," Jack says, "it is

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Just follow these 2 easy steps

1. Dissolve 1 tablespoon Wilson's B-V in 3 tablespoons boiling water. Add to 1 lb. ground beef, ½ cup fine bread crumbs, 3 tablespoons finely chopped onions (optional).

2. Mix ingredients together. Then shape into 4 patties. Pan-fry or grill until "rare, medium or well" done. B-V will give your hamburgers that "T-Bone touch."

WILSON'S B-V *extract of beef*

hard to say that you have definite plans, because the present requires so much. We feel that, after all, there is no tomorrow if you can't take care of today."

But, in the following order of priority, they have three long-range goals: to make provision for a college education for all the children; to build a home in the country; to make a trip back to California to see old friends and some of Jack's relatives. He also has thought of trying to re-establish out there because of the climate. Work, he thinks, would be on a year-round basis, and he has been very impressed to find how comparatively little his married sister spends on clothing.

On the other hand, he has built up a "credit balance" among local electricians, plumbers, masons, and fellow carpenters who would help him build near his present town. He can visualize right down to the joists the kind of home he wants. It will be a two-story, old-fashioned Colonial type, or if economy dictates, a one-and-a-half story Cape Cod.

Whatever is their final decision, there will be one simple motivating factor. Jack isn't overly ambitious to try to make a million dollars, and Anne doesn't have any social pretensions. Their philosophy of why they have struggled so hard and are just now beginning to make hard plans ahead is capsuled in a sentence:

"We believe," Jack says simply, "that each generation's duty is to do better by those to come than the previous generation has done for them."

Be a mealtime artist

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according to the directions. Chill. Heat 2 tablespoons salad or peanut oil in skillet; add rice, one 6-ounce can broiled sliced mushrooms, drained, ¼ cup chopped green onions, and 2 tablespoons soy sauce. Cook over low heat 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add 8 slices cooked bacon, coarsely crumbled, and 1 beaten egg. Cook and stir 5 minutes longer. Serve with soy sauce. Makes 5 servings.

Oriental Salad

Bright and crisp, and it'll stay that way for a few days in the refrigerator—just cover and leave in the dressing—

- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 medium cucumbers, sliced paper thin (2 cups)
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup white vinegar

Sprinkle 2 teaspoons salt over cucumbers. Chill thoroughly, 1 hour or longer. Drain in sieve, pressing with paper towels to remove as much moisture as possible. Sprinkle carrots with ¼ teaspoon salt. Combine sugar and vinegar, stirring to dissolve sugar. Place cucumbers in one side of bowl and carrots in other side; pour vinegar mixture over. Chill at least 1 hour. To serve, drain, reserving liquid to to pass as dressing; arrange vegetables as on page 67. Makes 5 servings.

Note: For a charming Oriental touch, arrange the napkins like the one shown beside the salad on page 67. First dunk napkin in hot water and give it a twist. Then sprinkle with 2 or 3 drops of white ginger perfume. Place in individual basket or on plate.

Sweet-sour Sauce

Just right with appetizers of fried shrimp and egg rolls—

- 1 9-ounce can (1 cup) pineapple tidbits
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1½ tablespoons cornstarch
- Dash salt
- ¾ cup water
- ⅓ cup vinegar
- ½ cup green-pepper strips

Drain pineapple, reserving syrup. Combine brown sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Slowly stir in water, vinegar, and reserved pineapple syrup. Bring to boiling; simmer about 5 to 7 minutes or till thick, stirring constantly. Add pineapple and green pepper and simmer a few minutes longer. Makes 2⅓ cups.

Mustard Sauce

You'll want to offer this snappy appetizer "dunk" along with the Sweet-sour Sauce—

- ¾ cup catsup
- ¼ cup water
- 1 to 1½ tablespoons dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt

Combine ingredients; mix thoroughly. Chill. Makes 1 cup.

Mandarin Orange Dessert

Takes just a few minutes with instant pudding and canned mandarin oranges. Delicious as it is simple—

- 1 package instant vanilla pudding
- 3 cups milk
- 2 11-ounce cans (2½ cups) mandarin orange sections, drained

Combine instant pudding and milk according to package directions. Pour into serving bowl and let stand till set, about 10 minutes or till slightly thicker than custard sauce. Serve over mandarin orange sections and use a few for trim. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

Coconut Macaroons

A package of shredded coconut, a can of sweetened condensed milk, a bit of vanilla—that's all, and your cookies are ready to bake!—

- 1 8-ounce package (3 cups) shredded coconut
- ⅔ cup sweetened condensed milk (½ 15-ounce can)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine coconut and condensed milk; mix thoroughly. Add vanilla. Drop from teaspoon onto a well-greased baking sheet about 1 inch apart. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 8 to 10 minutes, or until delicately browned. Remove from baking sheet immediately; cool on rack. Makes about 2½ dozen.

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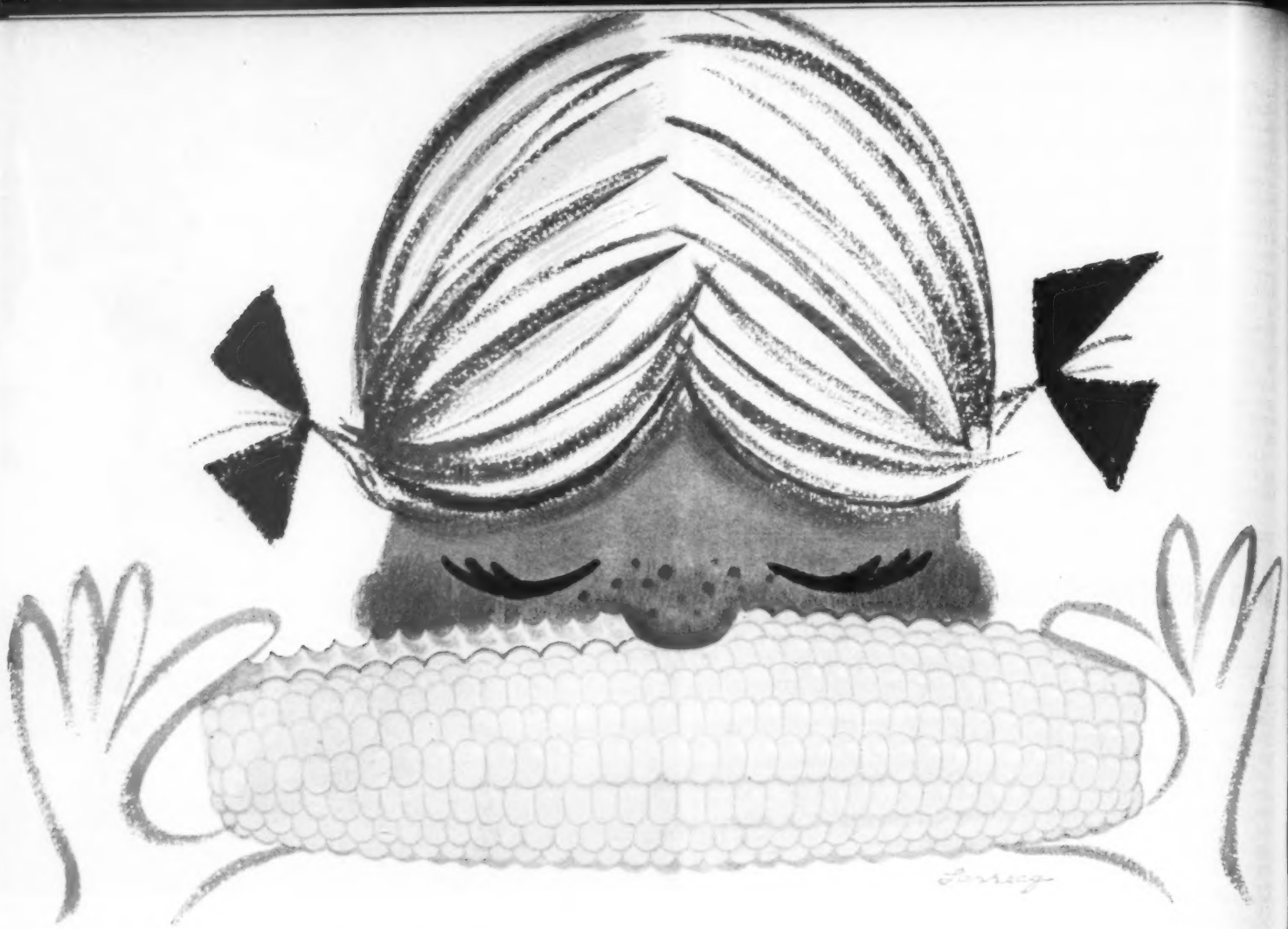

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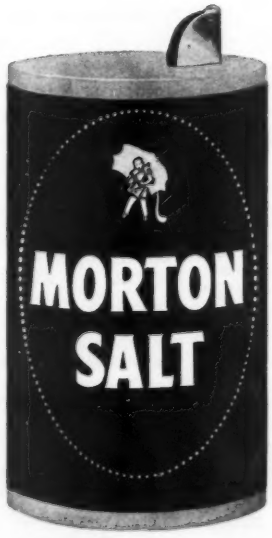

Iodized or plain

When it rains it pours

P.S. Two new ways to salt corn, or anything else!

Morton Miniatures, 1½ inches high, packed six to the tray.

Morton Salters, 3⅝ inches in size, sold in cartons of three.

So good pickles and relishes

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Kosher Dills

A garlic pickle that accompanies sandwich or salad—

20 to 25 4-inch cucumbers
Fresh dill
Garlic cloves
Hot red peppers
Powdered alum
• • •
1 cup coarse-medium salt
3 quarts water
1 quart cider vinegar
Grape leaves

Wash cucumbers; let stand in cold water overnight. Pack in hot sterilized jars. To each quart, add 2 heads dill, 1 clove garlic, 1 hot red pepper, and ⅛ teaspoon alum. Combine salt, water, and vinegar; heat to boiling. Fill jars; put grape leaf in each jar; seal. Makes 6 to 8 quarts.

Company Pickle Chunks

They're sweet, crisp, and clear—

10 medium cucumbers
8 cups sugar
2 tablespoons mixed pickling spices
5 teaspoons coarse-medium salt
4 cups cider vinegar

Cover cucumbers with boiling water. Let stand till next morning; drain. Repeat this procedure the next three mornings. On the fifth day, drain and slice in ½-inch pieces. Combine remaining ingredients; bring to boiling and pour over cucumbers. Let stand two days. On third day, bring to boiling and seal in hot sterilized jars. Makes 7 pints.

Don't vote in the dark —study the issues and candidates.

Vegetable Chop

Chop one, chop all—onions, green tomatoes, cabbage, and peppers—

12 medium onions (4 cups ground)
10 green tomatoes (4 cups ground)
1 medium head cabbage (4 cups ground)
12 green peppers (5½ cups ground)
6 sweet red peppers (2¾ cups ground)
½ cup salt
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6 cups sugar
2 tablespoons mustard seed
1 tablespoon celery seed
1½ teaspoons turmeric
4 cups cider vinegar
2 cups water

Mix vegetables; sprinkle with salt. Let stand overnight. Rinse and drain. Combine remaining ingredients; pour over vegetables. Heat to boiling; simmer 3 minutes. Seal in hot sterilized jars. Makes 8 pints.

Spicy Watermelon Pickles

The spices are tied in a little bag and simmered for 10 minutes—

2 pounds watermelon rind
¼ cup coarse-medium salt
1 quart water
• • •
4 cups sugar
2 cups white vinegar
2 cups water
1 lemon, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons cinnamon bark
1 tablespoon whole cloves

Trim dark-green and pink parts of rind; cut rind in 1-inch cubes. Soak overnight in salt-water solution of ¼ cup coarse-medium salt to 1 quart water (it may take more to cover). Drain; rinse and cover with cold water. Cook just till tender; drain. Tie spices in small piece of cheesecloth. In a saucepan, combine sugar, vinegar, water, lemon, and spices. Simmer 10 minutes. Remove spice bag; add watermelon rind. Simmer until clear. Fill hot sterilized jars to ½ inch from top; seal. Makes 3 pints.

Tangy Tomato Sauce

This spicy red sauce will disappear fast on steaks and hot dogs—

1½ teaspoons whole cloves
1½ teaspoons broken stick cinnamon
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 cup white vinegar
• • •
8 pounds ripe tomatoes (25 medium)
1 tablespoon chopped onion
¼ teaspoon red pepper
1 cup sugar
4 teaspoons salt

Measure spices into small saucepan; add vinegar. Cover; heat to boiling. Remove from heat; set aside. Wash tomatoes; mash in large pan. Add onion and pepper. Heat to boiling; cook 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Put tomatoes through a food mill; add sugar to the tomato juice. Hold a ruler upright on outside of pan and measure depth of tomato mixture in pan. Heat to boiling; reduce heat and *simmer* till mixture cooks down to half, about 45 to 60 minutes (check with ruler). Strain spiced vinegar into tomato mixture; add salt. Simmer about 30 minutes, or until sauce is the consistency you like. Stir often. Fill hot sterilized jars; seal at once. Makes 2 pints.

Cracker box

It says to press the dotted line
To open. That's all very fine
When box and outer wrap agree
On where that dotted line should be.

—Anita Raskin

You're never alone with the telephone

You get a real sense of comfort from the telephone. Keeping in touch by telephone helps you feel better about a lot of things—

. . . your husband off on a trip
. . . children away from home
. . . family and friends near and far

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There's a custom-built look to this kitchen, yet it is unbelievably easy to install. Your pocketbook gets a good break, too.

Air-conditioning and exhaust-duct systems, and general lighting can be hidden by soffit panel above wall cabinets. Lights under cabinets shine on work counters.

Note the two-door refrigerator (A), the built-in oven (B), pull-out counter and storage (C), freezer drawer (D), wall cabinets (E), base drawer storage (F). Cooking units pull down for use—above (F).

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

New kitchen units— with walls and all!

IMAGINE THIS—a beautiful kitchen just by stacking and bolting cabinets and appliances. And it's about to come true! These freestanding kitchens come with their own handsome walls, good lighting, plumbing and venting. The cabinets and appliances are in two- or four-foot sections called modules—a definite trend today. Since kitchen is designed and styled as a whole, costs are cut. Check advantages for new or to-be-remodeled kitchens.

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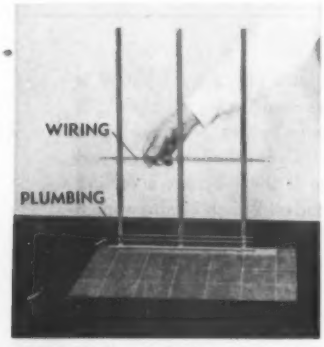
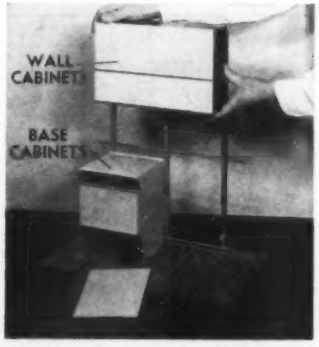
The units are set up like these midget cabinets

STEP 1. Place the steel leveling rail in position, then bolt it to floor

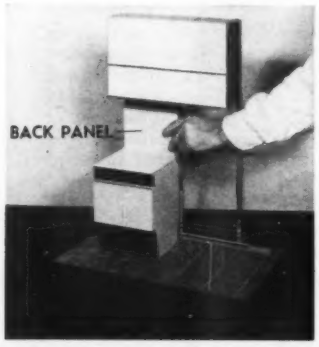
STEP 2. Now attach steel struts to the rail for support of the cabinets



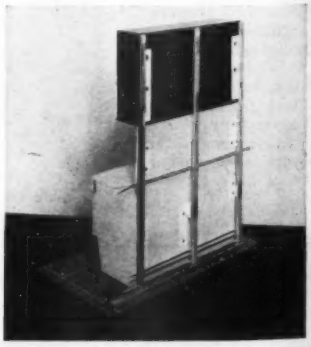
STEP 3. Set plumbing and wiring sections in position. (Both have a simple, master lead-in connection.)



STEP 4. Level and bolt the base cabinets. The wall cabinets will hang above on vertical supporting struts



STEP 5. Fit the special back panel in place between the wall and lower cabinets to complete the basic unit



STEP 6. Add other units as you like. If cabinet is divider or peninsula, cover back for finished look

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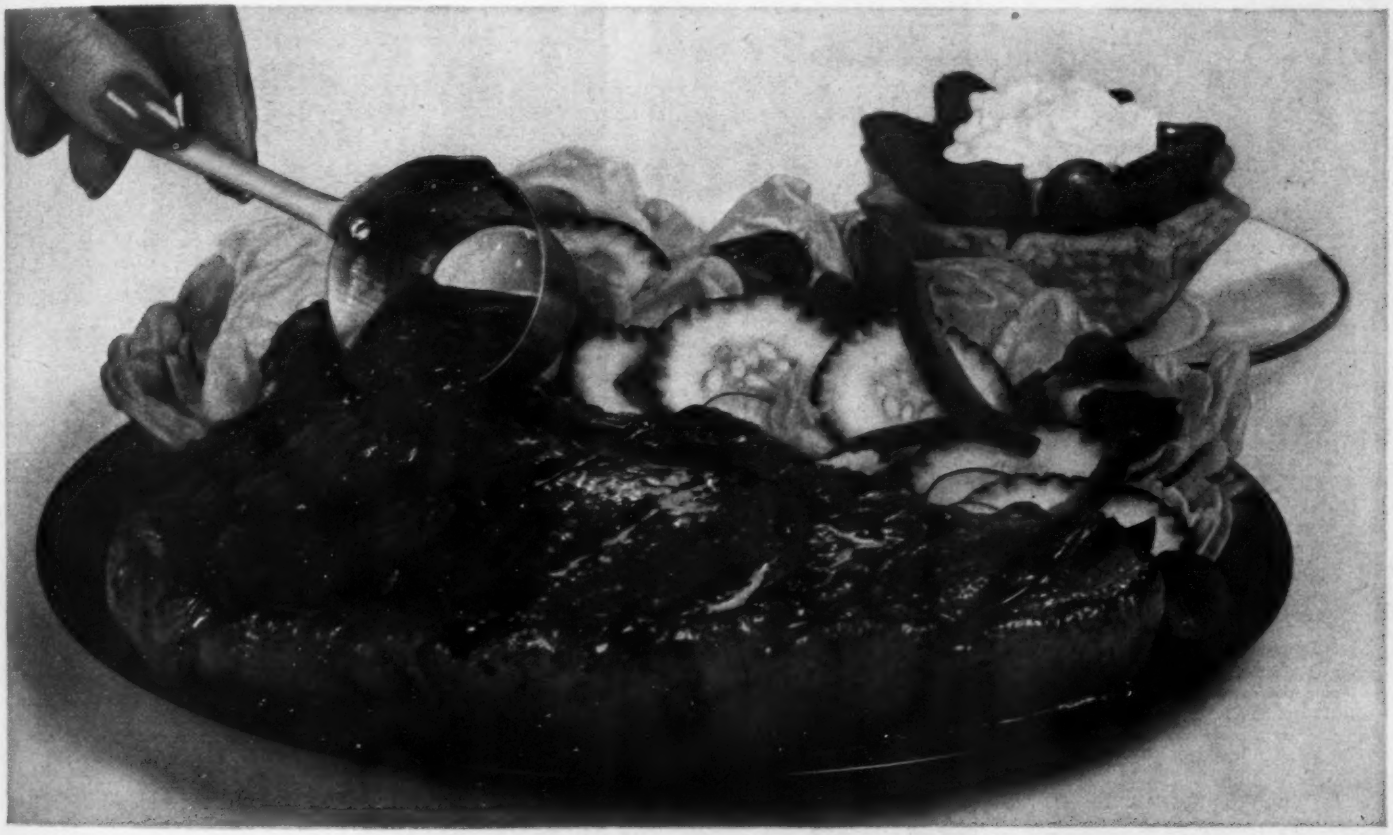

WESSON JIFFY BARBECUE

- ½ cup Wesson Oil
- ¾ cup chopped onion
- ¾ cup tomato ketchup
- ¾ cup water
- ⅓ cup lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

Cook onion till soft in hot Wesson Oil. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer 15 minutes. Sear steak on both sides, then brush with sauce each time steak is turned. Serve with remaining sauce.

This fresh, flavorful sauce is excellent, too, with chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and other barbecue favorites.

STIR-N-ROLL FRUIT TARTS

- 2 cups *sifted* all-purpose flour, such as Gold Medal
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ½ cup Wesson Oil
- ¼ cup cold milk
- Sweetened fresh or frozen fruit for filling
- Whipped cream for topping

Mix flour, salt. Pour Wesson Oil and milk into measuring cup (don't stir); mix with flour. Press into ball, flatten slightly. Roll pastry ⅛-inch thick between waxed paper. (Lightly dampen table top to prevent slipping.) Cut into 3½-inch rounds. Line 12 tart pans with pastry. Trim and flute edges, prick entire surface with fork. Bake at 425° (hot oven) about 10 minutes, until a delicate brown. Fill with sweetened fruit, and top with whipped cream.

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Right and wrong accessory arrangements

Accessories should point up your furnishings. Strive for good shape, scale, color—don't use fussy pieces

WRONG

Don't use lamps that are too small, give bad light. Don't stretch lots of uninteresting shapes in a line.

Don't clutter areas with every accessory you own, and don't use pieces that are not complementary.

RIGHT—FORMAL

Select lamps that are large enough to be dramatic, high enough to cast interesting light and shadow on accessories—and provide work light.

Cluster small assortments for a neater, more meaningful array. And balance symmetrical arrangements with objects of equal weight as done here, not necessarily duplicate accessories.

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. . . OR INFORMAL

Do try a dramatic asymmetrical treatment, using only one overscaled, beautiful lamp and make it appear even larger by hanging your mirror vertically.

Select glamorous objects such as these tall glass bottles and sculptured heads. Make small utilitarian pieces appear their prettiest by bringing them neatly together, perhaps on a tray.

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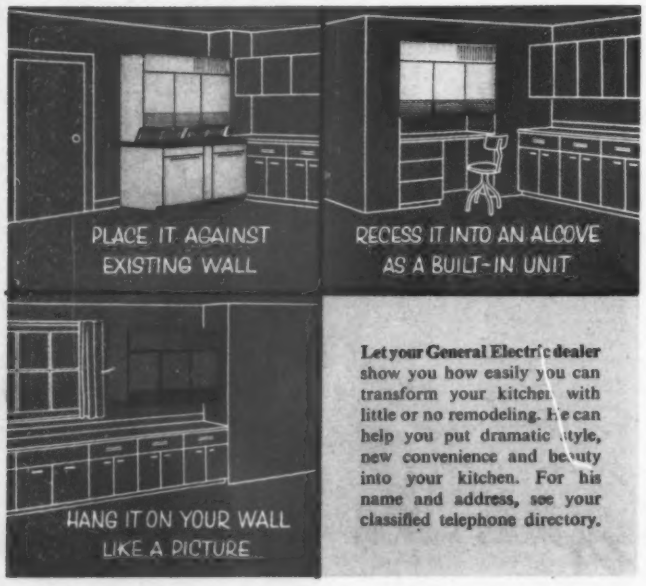

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GENERAL ELECTRIC

Contemporary flower arrangement

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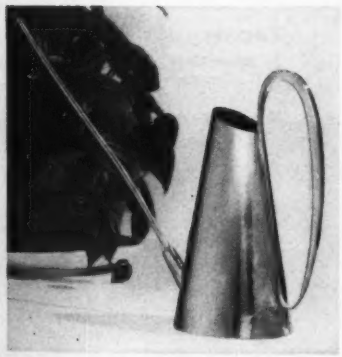
Here's an interesting group of Modern containers and accessories that will make your flower-arranging adventures easier, prettier, and more fun

Containers of this variety are favorites with Contemporary flower masters.

They like the effect of the clean-lined shapes, the unusual textures and forms.

Candles are always complementary to flowers.

Inspired by the popular modern artist, Matisse, these bowls and candlesticks have Contemporary distinction.



Even the waterpot has taken on a Modern design!

This one—with long spout—is excellent for filling large flower bowls that may be set in hard-to-reach places.

Pitchers with pleasantly simple lines are favorite containers in both Traditional and Contemporary circles.

This group offers interesting textures, too.

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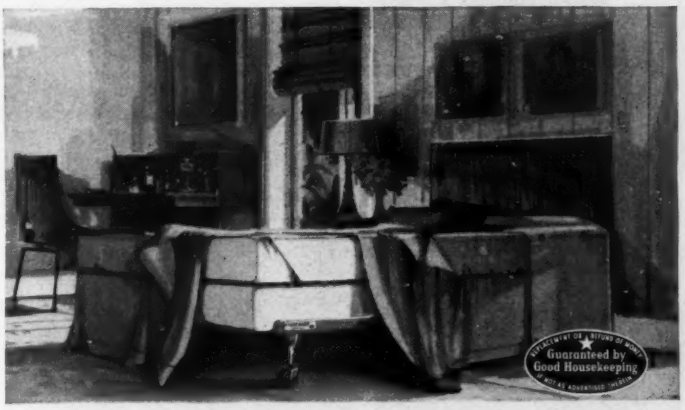

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New ways with familiar wall materials

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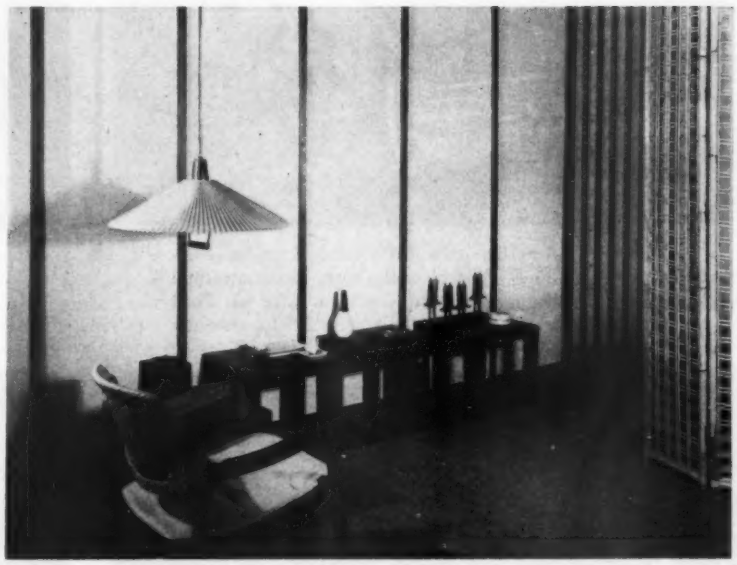
These walls add interest to a new room or a basement. They are easy to install in space you are remodeling. Or, you can use our ideas as a departure point for your own imagination.

Complete directions on how to have this done or how to do it yourself are shown on page 104.

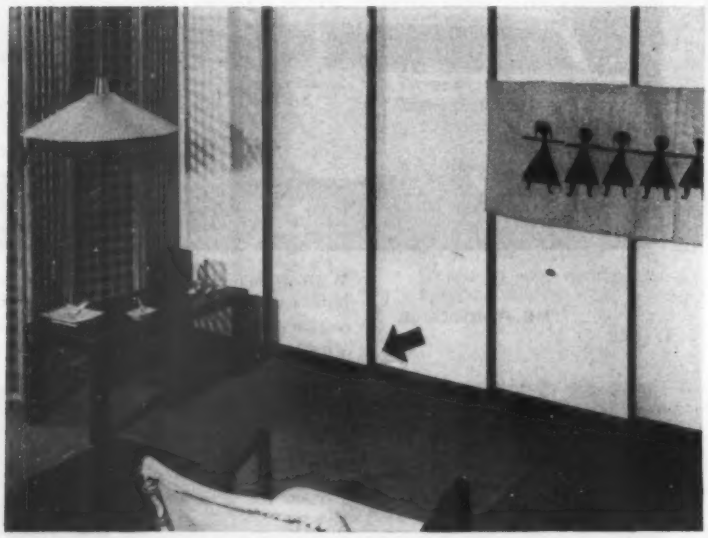


Covering walls with gypsum board?

Try this simple step to hide unsightly seams and at same time avoid taping joints, plastering over nailheads.

After nailing up standard 4-foot-wide sheets of wallboard to every other stud, nail ½x3-inch battens through to each stud. This laps and seals joints where the wallboard goes together, also places a strip down the center of each sheet for added strength, improved design.

Be sure that you paint your new wall and finish the ½-inch battens before you nail them up.



Saw-tooth effect from hardboard

Hardboard or plywood can be offset slightly (arrow) to lend shadow and pattern to your wall design. Result: purposeful look to an otherwise dull surface.

This flowing pattern assumes a sense of direction and focuses attention on keynote like fireplace or window-wall. Panels have delicate Oriental flavor, but are unobtrusive enough to go well with any decorating.

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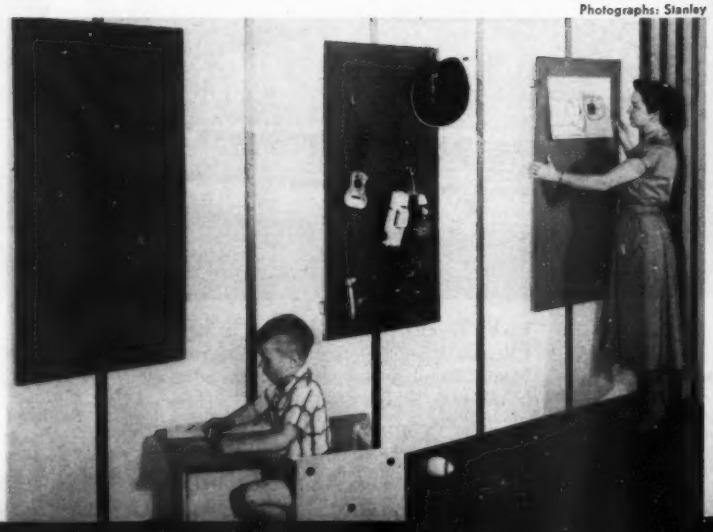

There are many uses for scraps

Or you can use economy pieces of wall covering — especially in a playroom. At left, plywood sheet has two coats of a new blackboard paint that produces a surface close to that of genuine slate.

In center, familiar perforated hardboard's put to work as toy board. Bulletin board at right is ½-inch plywood with sheet cork glued on. Cork floor tiles, smooth side down, could have been used the same way.

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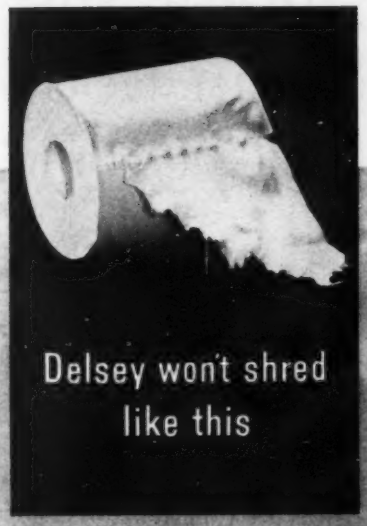

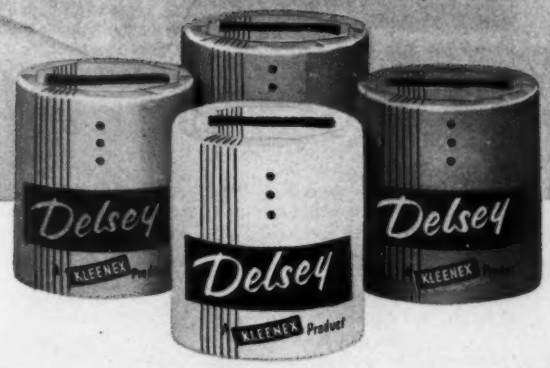

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New ways with wall materials

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Gypsum wallboard with battens

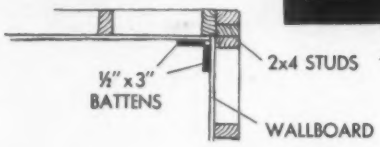
Nail the wallboard to studs, staggering nails and keeping them as close to joint as possible. Let last hammer blow dimple the material slightly.

This "countersinks" nailheads below surface.

You don't have to tape the joints—the ½x3-inch battens will cover them. Paint wall before nailing on battens.

Use two battens at corners, butt-jointing just edges of them so both will be same width. Horizontal base and ceiling molding (½x3 inches) is nailed on first.

Vertical battens go between base and ceiling molding. Nail the strips to each stud—24 inches on center. You may have to toenail in "false" studs if others are on standard 16-inch centers.



A finished corner looks like this. Because spacing of horizontal base and ceiling molding won't show, you can lap one edge of one strip over the face of another.

If you batten just one wall, finish corner with single batten. It fits flush in corner between floor, ceiling strips.

How to build the "saw-tooth" wall

Nail a 2x3 plate to the floor and another one to the ceiling joists so they both will butt against the 2x4 wall framing.

This provides the base shoe, ceiling trim, and the necessary support for ¼-inch plywood or hardboard panels.

Space nails so panels cover them; stain or enamel them after they're in place.

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How to decorate your home with new ideas in flooring

by ISABELLE SHAVER

YES, you can be your own decorator with famous Kentile Floors and create a home that expresses the newest idea in decorating... easier-to-live-in rooms that are a joy to care for. Just choose the type of flooring that's best for your home and create your own designs from the hundreds of colors in the 10 exciting styles described below. Illustrations of each are shown on the opposite page.

1 *KenFlex Vinyl Asbestos Tile* is right for every room from basement to attic. A tile-deep blend of glowing greaseproof vinyl plastic with sturdy asbestos fibers, it comes in 3 styles: gay, color-flecked *Carnival KenFlex*, smart *Marbleized KenFlex* and rich *Corktone KenFlex* that looks like fine cork flooring. Easy-to-keep-clean KenFlex laughs at household hazards like greasy kitchen spills, children's scuffing feet... saves you hours of housework time each day.

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4 Put spring in your step and joy in your housework with *KenRubber Tile Floors*. You'll think each resilient tile contains a thousand tiny springs! From its glorious jewel-like colors to its mirror-smooth, easy-to-clean pre-waxed surface, long-wearing KenRubber gives you qualities unequalled in other floorings... even those costing dollars more.

5 Three exciting styles in styrene-fortified *Kentile Asphalt Tile* offer you every opportunity for low-cost decorating from basement to attic. Cheery *Carnival Kentile* makes rooms gay with color; *Marbleized Kentile* adds a rich style note, while *Corktone Kentile* brings your home the luxury look of fine cork flooring at low asphalt tile prices. All are scuff-resistant, easy-to-care-for, and guaranteed for wear.

See the full range of decorator colors available in each of these beautiful guaranteed floors at your Kentile Dealer's now. Each comes in 9"x9" tiles that you can quickly and easily install yourself, or your dealer will do it for you. Find his name and address under FLOORS in your Classified Telephone Directory.

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2. KENCORK Floors and Walls offer practical luxury to living-rooms like this. Light, Medium and Dark Shades in 9"x9" tile size form this natural random floor. The same floor can be laid in 12"x12" tiles. Wall tiles are 12"x24".

1. KENFLEX Vinyl Asbestos Tile defies grease, dirt and wear on kitchen floors like this one designed with Chinese Red and White Opal KenFlex colors with White Feature Strip, Petal ThemeTile and Red KenCove.

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Details and descriptions of each type of flooring are given on the opposite page.

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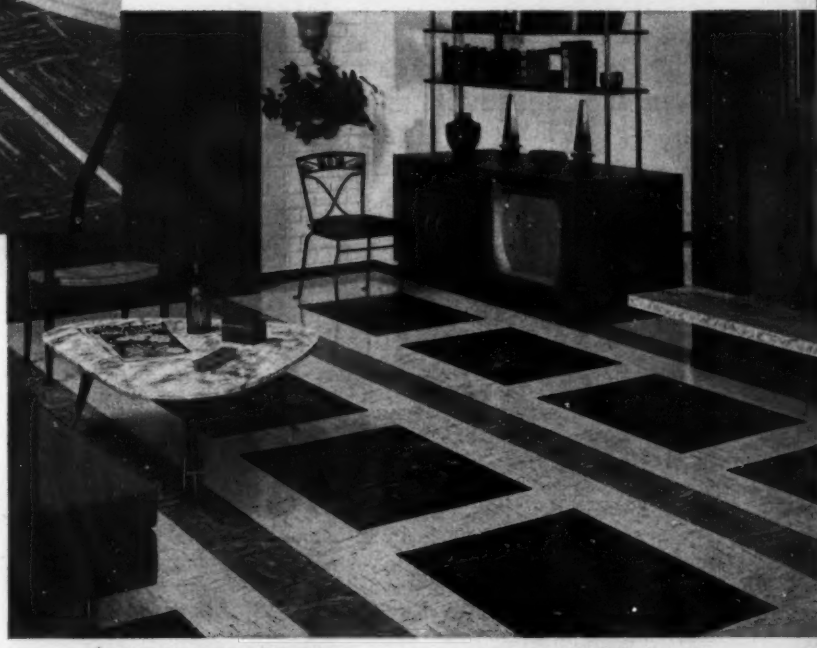
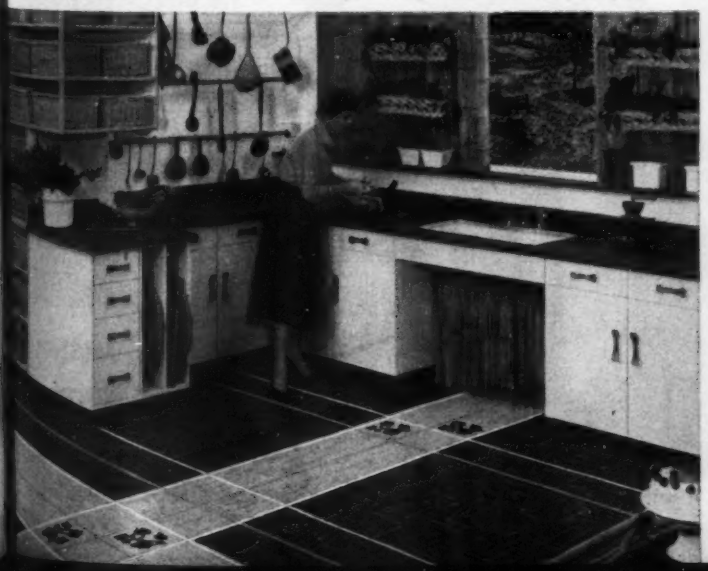


4. KENRUBBER Tile Floors quiet every footstep with "Cushioned Beauty". Luxurious floor design shown in this living room is created with Connemara, Vert Maurin and Verona with Green KenCove.

3. KENROYAL tile-deep vinyl and **KENFLOR** Vinyl Plastic Tile both feature the exquisite colors shown in the kitchen below: Capri Blue and White Tweed with Brown KenCove. Counter tops are Capri Blue *KenFlor* by-the-yard.



5. KENTILE Asphalt Tile Floors are easy to install in any room in your home. Charming design for children's room below is created with Gardenia and Genoa Green tile colors, sprinkled with Daisy ThemeTile.

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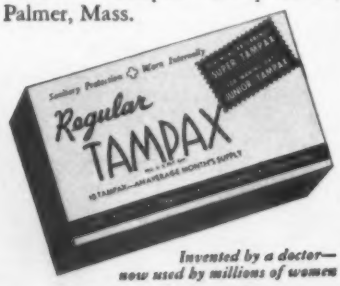

Invented by a doctor—now used by millions of women

New ways with wall materials

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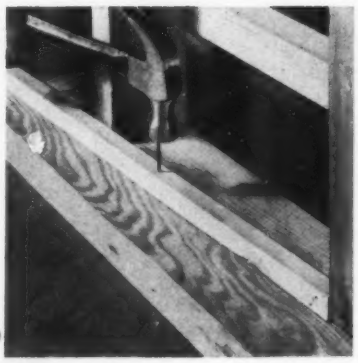
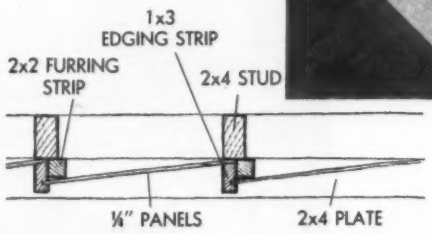
Fasten 2x3 furring strips to edges of studs, leaving about ¾ inch of space on edge of studs to accept strips which hide panel edges.

For accurate nailing guide, cut a piece of ¾-inch scrap stock (arrow) and use it as "spacer" while you nail.



To support panels at floor and ceiling, nail 1x1 strips to floor and ceiling plates.

One end of the strip butts against face of 2x3; other end is flush with edge of studs, which creates "angle."



Fasten the 1x4 dadoed strips against edge of stud and to edge of 2x2 furring strips so dado extends about inch or so beyond the furring strips.

Strips go in front of the hardboard or plywood panels to form smooth-fitting joint. Stain or enamel strips same color as the base and ceiling plates; or use accent color.

"Backs" of dadoed strips—after they're in place—look like this. Edge of hardboard or plywood panel slips in dadoes; fasten rest of panel to studs, furring.

To make panels, cut 4x8 sheets of hardboard or plywood lengthwise. Saw blade should "split" line at the 2-foot cut-off mark.

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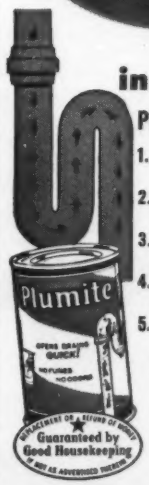

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When your child objects to naps

Sooner or later, your preschooler will decide no naps for him. Here's how to meet the situation peacefully

By Mary Margaret Kern

Afternoons were so peaceful a short time ago, and such a shambles now!

This is the way it often seems to mothers at that fateful moment when Tommy or Janey goes off naps. It's not an orderly transition. It's fraught with arguments and wailing ("I don't *want* to take a nap!"—"But, honey, you *need* your rest"), and sometimes downright battle.

This was the case at our house with Sister. She is our oldest. Never a sleepyhead, shortly after she was 3 she decided naps were not for her. I didn't agree and doggedly kept putting her to bed anyway.

It degenerated into a game, a little like stuffing a jack-in-the-box into the box and then not fastening the lid down. Unfortunately, there wasn't any lid I could put on Sister. Every time I returned to her room and arranged her nicely lengthwise in bed, she popped up again. Finally she took to roaming around in the bed.

Still trying to win my point, I left her in the room with the door closed. Then she would call me, wanting to know what time it was, how soon could she come out, and wailing, "I want to get up, Mommy!"

Sister finally won. Realizing that nothing about our current nap procedure was even [*Turn to next page*

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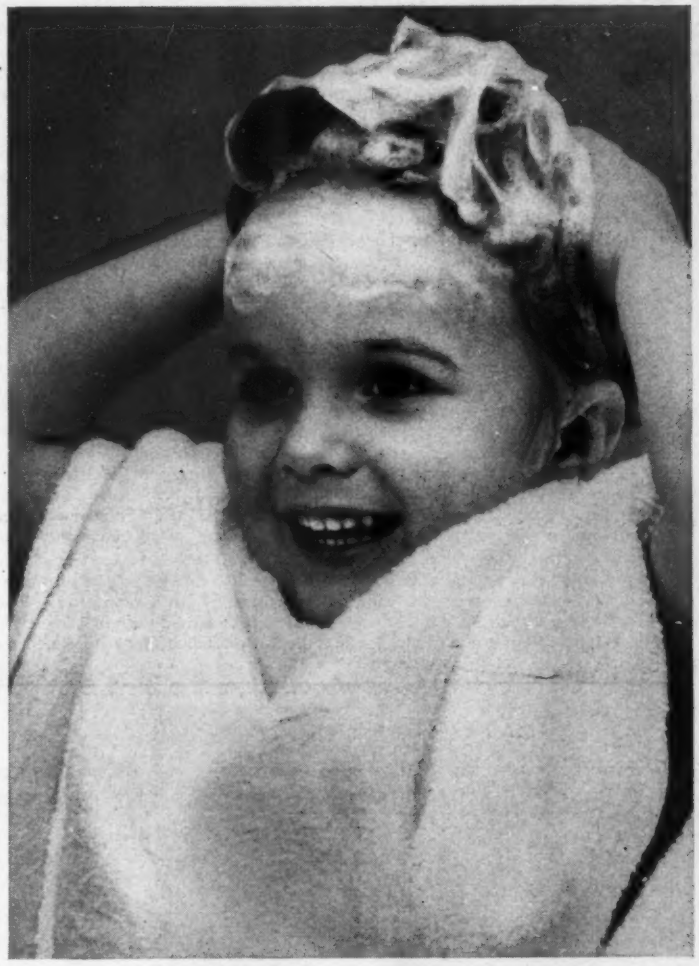

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remotely restful or relaxing, I gave up on naps.

Meanwhile, Brother had been born and he loved naps even up through kindergarten. I almost forgot my nap problem until Little Sister came along.

She was a wide-awake like her older sister. Around her third birthday I began to see she was displaying the same telltale symptoms of restlessness.

I wondered, "Was I wrong? Are there some children who just don't need daytime rest?" Looking for an answer, I searched through several authoritative baby books. I questioned my pediatrician. What I found out agreed with what I already believed.

Children under 5 *do* need daytime rest, if not sleep. A brief, regular rest time through kindergarten and into first grade often is beneficial when unaccustomed school activity may prove both tiring and overstimulating.

My experience with Sister bore this out. For, though those afternoons without naps seemed an improvement at first, by evening she was grumpy and often in tears. And these daily symptoms of too-tiredness lasted for longer than I cared to remember.

What, then, to do about Little Sister? As I saw it, my goal should be to make the transition between naps and no naps a tapering-off this time, not a chopping-off.

But, obviously, in order to secure different results, I had to use different methods. When Little Sister began to ask, "Do I *have* to nap, Mommy?", I was ready.

Actually, what I did was simple. The difference was in approach.

Though I still said firmly after lunch, "Yes, you must rest today, even if you can't sleep," firmness ended there and friendliness began. "Starting today," I planned for her, "you may rest on Daddy's big bed, not your own. And you and I will have a story or game before you settle down.

The friendliness worked. In the excitement of scrambling onto Daddy's big bed and choosing just the right story for me to read to her, my youngest forgot to grumble about the nap part. Once she had started resting, she fell asleep.

She was in the habit of going to the kitchen after naptime for a snack. Now, some days we went before naptime and she selected a cookie or cracker or a single piece of candy ("nap candy," we called it) to take to bed with her. There it lay in delicious glory on the bedside table, while she contemplated the pleasure it would give her as soon as her nap was over.

We explored the wonders of the small bedroom clock. Though she couldn't tell time, I explained to her where the hands would be when she could get up. "If you're awake, just get up by yourself," I told her in grown-up tones.

Sometimes I lay down with her briefly at naptime myself.

Not all days were easy, of course. But I found that if I could keep her in the right frame of mind, not fighting naps but being reasonable about them, the battle was half won.

I discovered that the thing to avoid is tenseness about this business of sleeping. I'm sure one reason that Big Sister didn't sleep was that she and I both got into such a dither about it. By the time we were done fussing over her naptime habits, she was too upset to sleep.

During the first part of this period, Little Sister was small enough that she still napped quite a lot in spite of herself. But she was truly growing out of baby habits.

On some days I could see it was impossible for her to sleep. To meet this, I modified the program. I propped her up on pillows and gave her a book or puzzle to look at while she rested. After about an hour or a little less, I let her get up.

I even broke down occasionally and gave her the "no-no drawer" from my dresser to go through. This drawer, one of the small ones, contains hankies, barrettes, jewelry, odds and ends of ribbon, all sorts of precious things that little folks like to turn over and over in small fingers, and smell, and even taste! It bore the title of "no-no" because no one except Mother was allowed at it, except on special occasions. When a naptime became such an occasion, it was special.

By now the idea of resting, if not sleeping, had gained a firm hold on Little Sister. At times she even surprised me by putting down her book, sliding off the pillows, and announcing, "Now I'll nap awhile, Mommy." Once in a long while, she would even still go to sleep.

The benefits of this new regime touched our whole family.

First, when Little Sister finally quit sleeping at all during her nap period, I felt we had gone at it gradually enough to be certain she didn't need daytime sleep any more. Yet she continued the daily rest period for quite a long time.

All of us were grateful to be spared cranky evenings (the way days without rest usually ended).

As for myself, the short relaxation I sometimes took with Little Sister gave me that real lift a busy mother needs. Even when I didn't lie down, I could make excellent use of my free time while she did.

Something else developed, too, although I hadn't thought about it. Little Sister and I both gained in the fun we had as we spent extra moments playing together. The

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Contemporary flower arrangement

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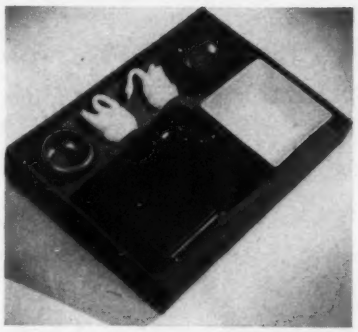
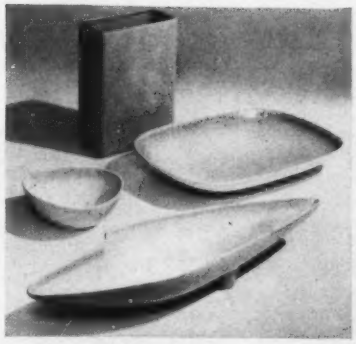


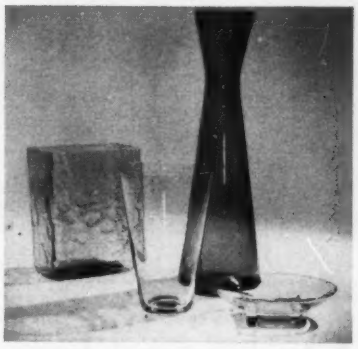
This starter group contains a variety of shapes and sizes in neutral colors so suitable for all types of arrangements.

It makes a perfect gift for a flower-arranging friend.



The pillow vase, pansy bowl, flat rectangle, and boat have endless uses for flower or fruit arrangements.

Any of these double nicely as serving dishes.



Striking simplicity, interesting texture, and smart lines characterize these vases.

The sparkling property of the crystal is particularly fitting for flowers.

Conversation pieces—like the wrought-iron mantis and bee—are special pets of the Contemporary flower arranger.

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1. Inadequate electrical service entrance. To overcome this basic cause of low HOUSEPOWER, your home should have service entrance capacity of at least 100 amperes. This requires 3-wire service from the street.

2. Overloaded circuits. Too many appliances on one circuit overload it and none of them get enough power. Motors may even burn out. If the overload is too great, the fuse will blow or circuit-breaker trip. You should have enough branch circuits to distribute enough electricity to all of your appliances.

3. Insufficient outlets and switches. Some homeowners use extension cords and "octopus" outlets (2-and 3-way plugs), or plug into lighting outlets. Such practices are unsightly, inconvenient, and may be dangerous. Rearranging furniture doesn't help. The only safe solution is to add more circuits and outlets.

If any of these conditions are present in your home, call your electric company or electrical contractor for a wiring check-up. If additional wiring should be necessary, your electrical contractor will do the job quickly, neatly, and economically. It often takes less than a day. Remember, full HOUSEPOWER increases the value of your home.

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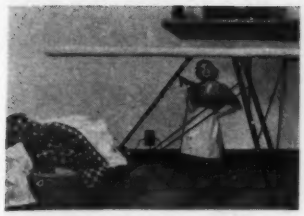

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(Place a check in the square preceding each correct answer. Each question has one and only one correct answer.)

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2. One cause of low HOUSEPOWER is ☐ too little electricity available from the electric companies ☐ inadequate service entrance ☐ too many fuses ☐ excessive rainfall.

3. Overloaded circuits may be responsible for ☐ appliance motors burning out ☐ fuses that never blow ☐ dripping faucets ☐ superior TV reception.

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6. The person best qualified to discuss your wiring problem is ☐ your pharmacist ☐ your electrical contractor ☐ the neighborhood handyman ☐ your insurance broker.

7. My house was built ☐ before Jan. 1, 1935 ☐ between Jan. 1, 1935 and Jan. 1, 1945 ☐ since Jan. 1, 1945. ☐ Don't live in a private house.

8. With full HOUSEPOWER these are the electric appliances I would like to have within the next five years: ☐ range ☐ air conditioner ☐ water heater ☐ dishwasher ☐ electric blanket ☐ automatic washer ☐ clothes dryer ☐ home freezer ☐ television set ☐ toaster ☐ automatic coffee maker ☐ electric fry pan.

9. The last time a fuse blew (or a circuit-breaker tripped) in my home was ☐ within the past month ☐ within the past six months ☐ within the past year ☐ more than a year ago ☐ can't remember.

10. Connecting the street power *line to my house are* ☐ 2 wires ☐ 3 wires. ☐ Don't live in a private house.

11. My fuse box now has ☐ 4 or fewer fuses ☐ 5-7 fuses ☐ 8 or more fuses ☐ don't have fuses (have circuit-breakers).

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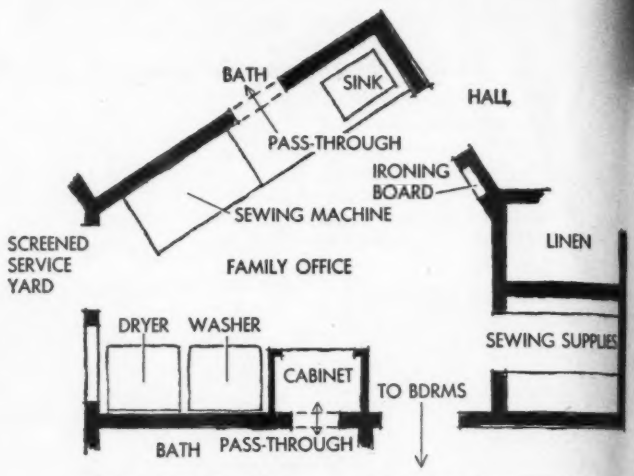
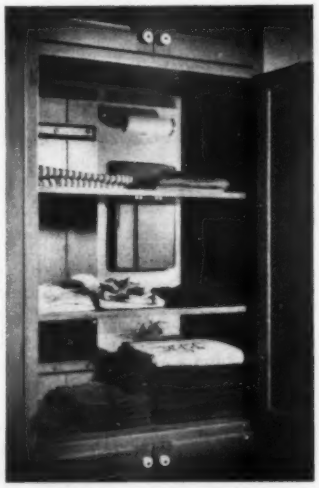
Wholly separated from the kitchen, here's the Learned utility room which cuts to a minimum time and effort for necessary laundry, mending, and sewing



Called "the office" because so much that's important to family comfort goes on here, this room owes its irregular shape to the angle at which the bedroom wing is joined to the main block of the house. It would function just as admirably if it were square



Two bathrooms adjoin it, so with deep bins below for soiled things, and shelves above for clean ones, the two pass-throughs save a lot of walking and untidiness each week

Shelves on one side are open to a linen closet in parents' bath. Ironed things are easily moved from here on to clothes closets and chests—a big timesaver and stepsaver every week

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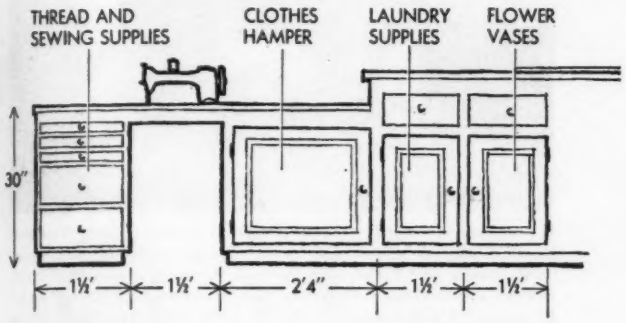
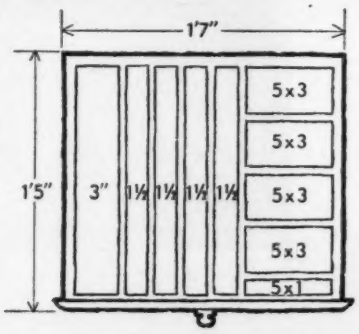


Betty Learned and daughter Lynn make their own clothes and this room also serves as their sewing room.

Son Ricky made the partitions for this thread and notions drawer. Note careful organization of most-used items.

Other small sewing supplies that need coralling go below.



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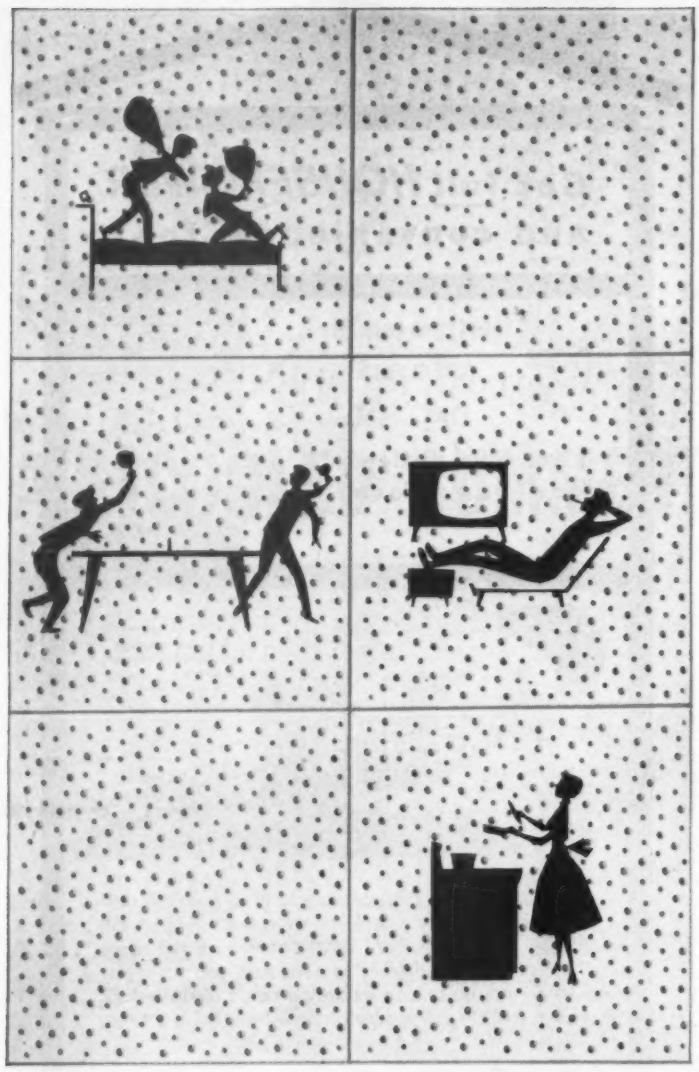

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Only experience could organize a closet for bulky sewing supplies like this. Dresses ready for pressing hang at right. Pegged panel does not interfere with moving items on shelves and holds all the oddments—house keys, stapler, stretchers, scissors, cord, and so on that help make this intelligently designed "office" tick

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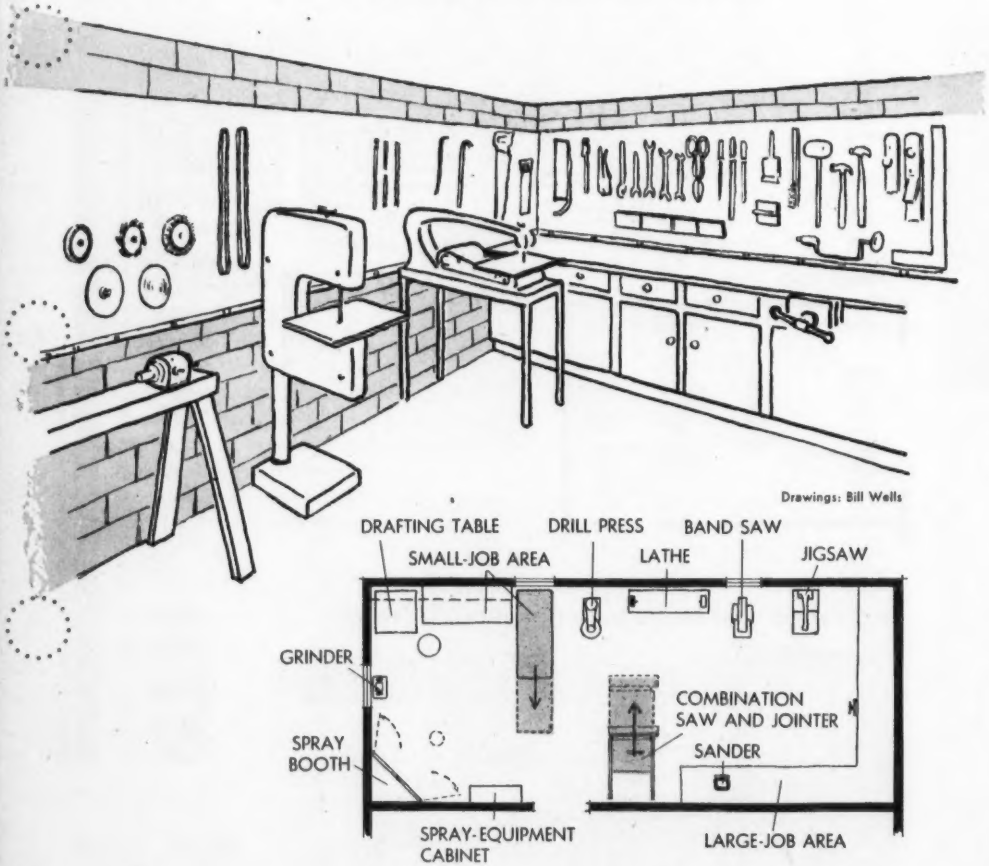
Narrow plan promotes shop with zoned activities



MOBILITY OF TOOLS becomes less important where your shop can spread out for space.

In this long, narrow plan, ideally suited for most basements, the shop gains assembly-line efficiency. Zones are laid out for dimensioning and storing of lumber, assembly of pieces, and finishing.

A movable table saw with jointer becomes the basic tool with optional radial-arm saw stationed on the workbench nearby. Workbench is continuous across two walls. Woodworking area has variety of tools. Equipment includes drill press, jigsaw, lathe, band saw.

There's a separate area for small work that's set off from the project area by a utility workbench mounted on casters. Planning center in corner is formed by drafting table and supply cabinet.

Most important, there's uncluttered entry to shop for bringing in supplies, both to the large-job area (where saw and jointer move out of the way) and to small-job area with mobile workbench.

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Workshop planning

ON THESE PAGES, you'll find the latest answers to gaining smooth performance in the home workshop you'd build or remodel. Here are the newest ideas on organizing the cramped-in-a-corner shop, or the large rectangular shop that commands half a basement. Here, too, you'll find ways to plan the long, narrow shop—big in wall space but short in floor space, as well as the shop that occupies space between the front bumper of your car and the garage wall. You'll want to study these four advanced layouts carefully. Each features mobility of tools, and each is charged with storage and planning ideas that are sure to answer your needs.

Retractable casters—a trend in tool design

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Development of retractable casters for power equipment has opened a fresh, new approach, and a better one, to home-workshop planning.

With them, heavy tools are easier to handle, no longer take up valuable floor area when not in use. Their varied uses are color-keyed in the workshop floor plans here.

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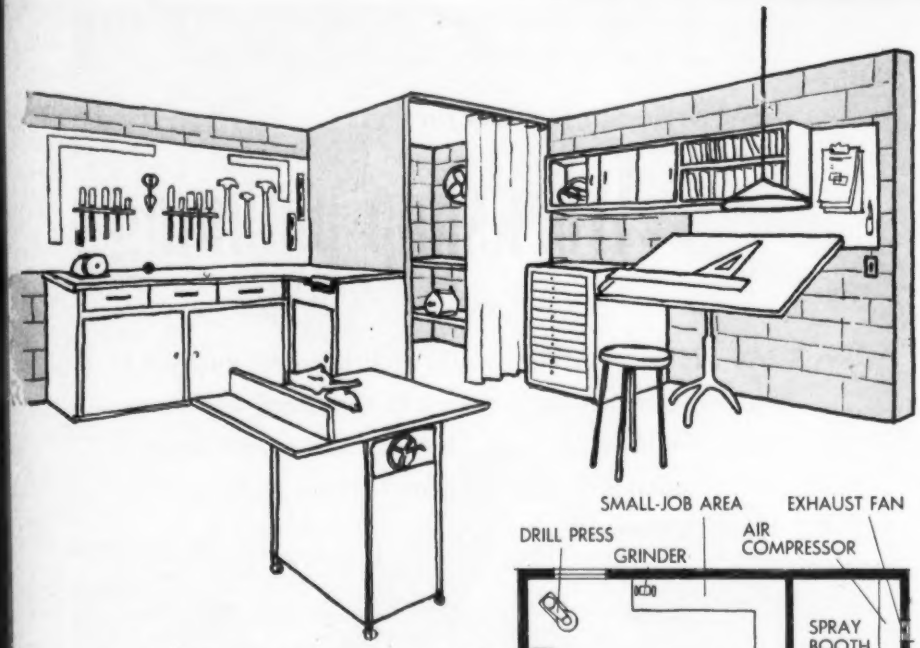
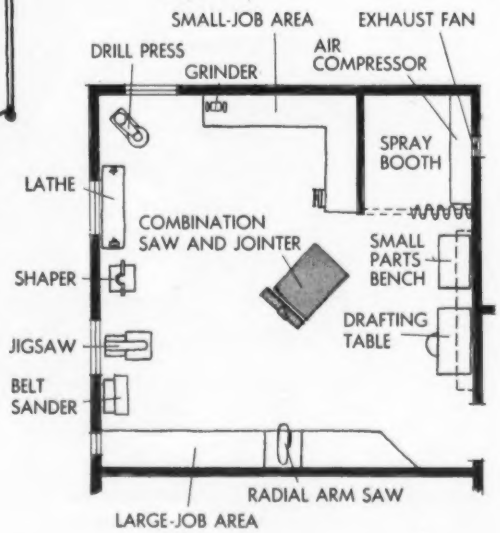




Square-space basement plan makes a power tool—combination saw and jointer—the hub of the workshop

FREEDOM FOR MOVEMENT of materials—especially the sheet-form woods—is major consideration of this 20x20-foot layout.

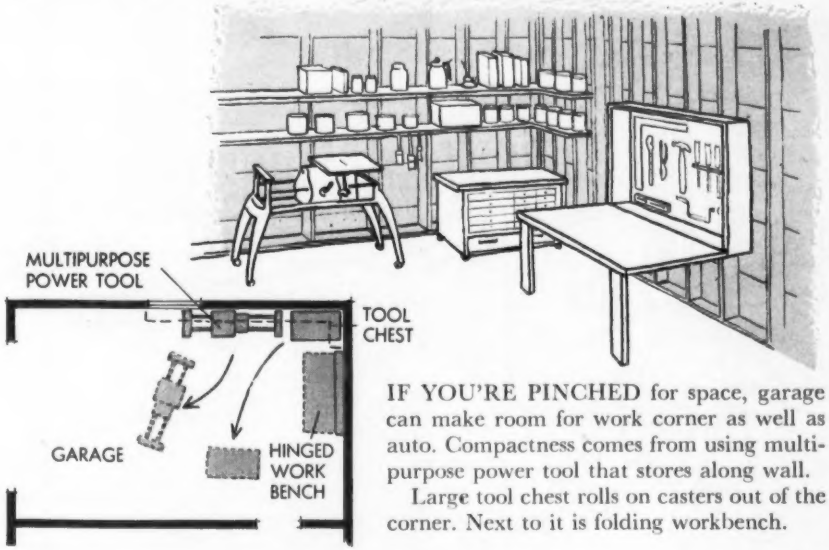
As such, combination table saw-jointer is located in middle of the room where it can handle long work and leave walls free for other equipment. It rolls out of the way when not in use.

Added feature in this shop: a finishing booth for spray painting that's closed from assembly-woodworking areas by draw curtain or folding partition. Booth also houses paint locker.

Long dimensioning and assembly bench on wall at left of entrance is excellent station for radial-arm saw.

Good order for power tools is shown on wall opposite door: sander, band or jigsaw, shaper, lathe, drill press.

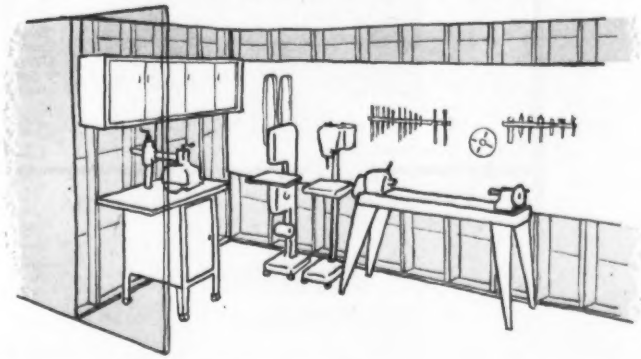
Workshop and auto share space in this garage



IF YOU'RE PINCHED for space, garage can make room for work corner as well as auto. Compactness comes from using multipurpose power tool that stores along wall.

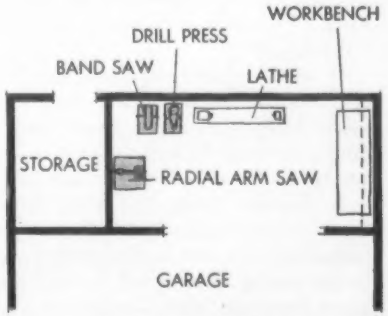
Large tool chest rolls on casters out of the corner. Next to it is folding workbench.

Add-on alcove shop is easy space to frame



AN 8x16-FOOT extension to the garage provides ample space for most workshop needs. In addition, there's small room at one end for storing garden tools, outdoor equipment.

Most maintenance and woodworking projects are handled right in the alcove itself. But major tools are given easy mobility with retractable casters. There is small-tool storage along one wall.



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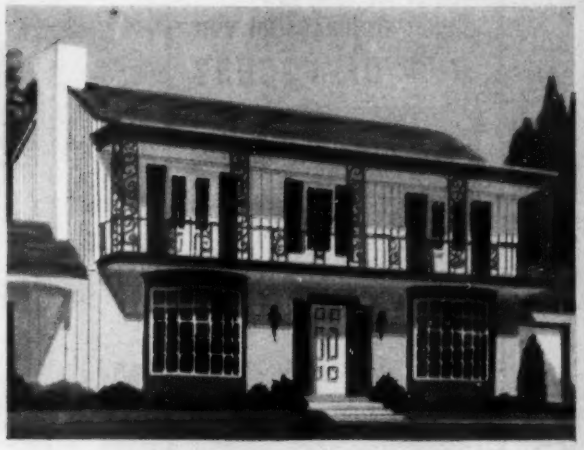

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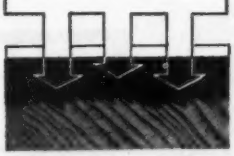

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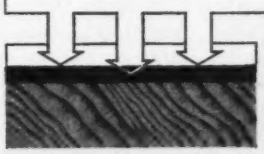

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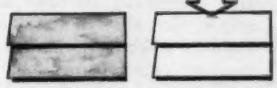

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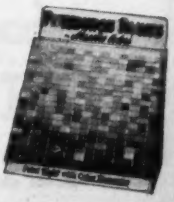

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NEW wiring devices . . .

They're right in line with better wiring

NEW ELECTRICAL conveniences and appliances are drawing more and more electricity into our homes. To handle this load, you should demand improved wiring when building or remodeling. After this wiring delivers the current, and before you put it to work for you, it moves through several important devices. Here we show you a collection of those devices and explain what each can do for you.

SWITCHES—

devices that direct and control current—are emblematic of constant development, refinement of electrical equipment. In the past decade, switches that light your home have become more attractive, quieter, safer, easier to install, and, for what you get, cheaper. Specialization is selling switches, too. Here are some available to make your home function better electrically.

Variable light control, like one above, lets you choose preferred degree of illumination from brilliant to blackout. Up to 360 watts of room light can be dialed bright for reading or sewing. Then silent, easy twist dims bulbs to a candlelike glow for formal dining or TV (on separate circuit so it won't dim, too). Fine for a night light in bath, hall, nursery. Easy for remodelers to install in place of a standard switch.

Silent switches that do away with audible click as lights go on or off are finding their way into many new homes, wiring-improvement projects. Cost is little over standard switch. They are especially good in children's bedroom, bath. You can choose from mercury contact, silvered terminal, small knobs that turn noiselessly, touch switches.

Glow-in-dark switches come in rotary and standard toggle types. When light's off, faint glow guides you straight to spot. Especially good in guest room where visitor wouldn't know switch.

Door switch fits on jamb, works light in closet or room as door opens—like refrigerator.

Time-lag switch pauses briefly after you flick it so you can leave area before it is darkened.

Weatherproof switch, for outdoor location.

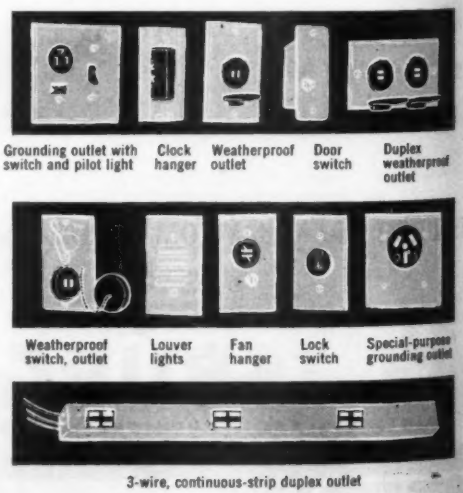
Lock switch, operable only by key, are others.

Installing: Keep switches 48 inches above floor (lower for child's room). Place on latch side of door, traffic side of arch. Keep within area to be lit, except special cases like controlling outdoor light indoors, stairway light from adjoining area, bathroom or other dark spot from without.

OUTLETS—

devices to join lights, appliances to wiring—are of three types: *lighting* outlets (connects circuit to lamp holders, fixtures), *convenience* outlets (familiar plug-in receptacle), *special purpose* outlets (connection for particular equipment, like clock, range, dryer, shop machinery).

Grounded outlet has slots for three-prong plug. Two carry current, other joins metal conduit or ground wire in nonmetal systems. If there's a short, charge follows least resistance along this route. Use for [*Turn to page 125*



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Does your bedroom speak your language?

By Jessie Walker

IS YOUR bedroom anonymous? Or does everything about it say that *you* live there? Your own tastes, imagination, and whims can give it a personality no other bedroom can have—one that really speaks your language.

First of all, it's your retreat, so choose furniture that invites you to relax. For accessories, use the things you like, for the simple reason that you do like them and want them near. Dream up your own color scheme—cool, warm, soft, or vibrant.

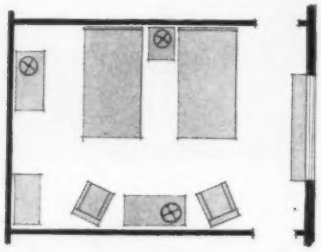
Here are two wonderful ways for bedrooms to look—one a warm blend of old and new furnishings with a golden glow; the other a dramatic setting with a flair of bold pattern. They're different, yes, but their individuality speaks for itself—they belong to someone.

Gold-and-blue room glows with soft-spoken warmth →

A collector of antiques fills up a corner with old-time charm in the form of a mellow-finished bread cabinet. Perforated tin sides make it a well-ventilated linen-storage place

Traditional ladder-back chairs and Modern marble-top table set the stage for an evening of quiet conversation or reading.

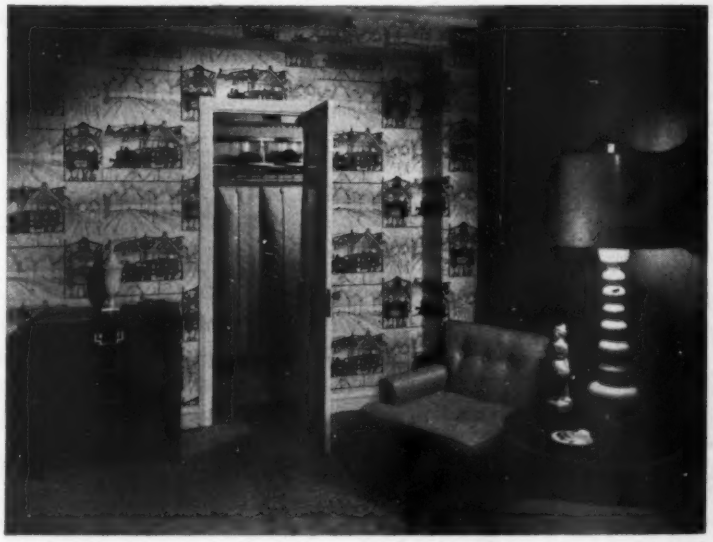
Besides giving ample light, the large pineapple lamp makes an aligning point for the clock and picture group at its right.



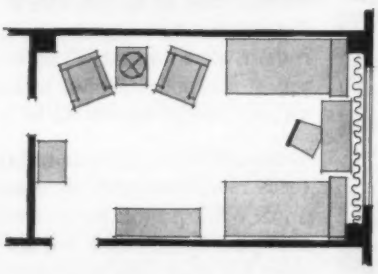
Opposite: Golden tones of the carpet, walls, woodwork, and furniture are set sparkling by touches of their blue complement.

The old and new combine pleasantly, with wrought-iron-and-rattan beds teamed up with Traditional chairs and Provincial wallpaper. Plan (left) shows relationship of areas.

A dramatic, colorful pattern speaks out boldly here →



Pick a pattern you'd like to live with—and use it in this way. Wallpaper matches drapery across the way, and furniture is painted black to stand out against the bold pattern



Pattern sets the color keynote, and its hues are echoed in chairs, carpet, and bedspread. Each pleat of the window valance presents one block of the pattern, arranged to tell a story

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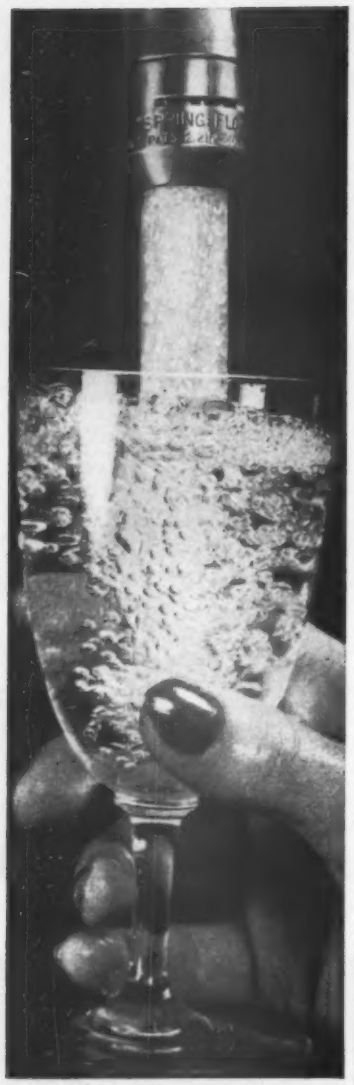

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New kitchen units—with walls and all!

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More about these "packaged" kitchens

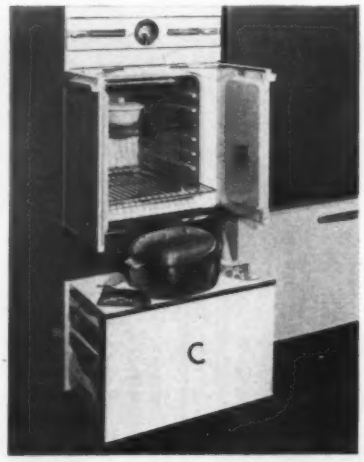
Kitchens will be available in retail stores, coast to coast, early 1957, although a small number will be produced in January of 1957. You'll be able to choose from a variety of attractively blended color schemes.

Building a new home? Your builder can install this kind of kitchen for you. Or if you're well acquainted with tools and construction, and mechanically inclined, you can probably install it yourself.

These "wall and all" storage units may double as non-supporting partitions. Or they may be backed against unfinished stud walls to save building or decorating costs. With both wiring and plumbing built into 2-inch panel on back, installation is easy, and expenses are cut.

Remodeling your kitchen? Then you can place sections against existing walls without having to tear into them to rewire or add plumbing. Sections may be used as "new walls," as dividers, or in any arrangement that makes yours a pretty and smooth-running kitchen. Possibilities unlimited! And if the old wall is damaged in removing cabinets or equipment, no refinishing is needed.

Modular units let you have an "expansion" kitchen—you can add dishwasher, freezer drawer, extra cabinets later. You may use soffit lighting all around kitchen; or leave space open above cabinets or close it for storage.



Oven center. Slide-out cabinet below French-door oven has heat-resistant landing top for hot pans, broiler.

Oven boasts an automatic clock to turn unit on and off, a timer, and a built-in filtering device to banish smoke and cooking odors.

Potholders, forks go in the handy drawer below oven.

Unusual drawer-type freezer pulls out to put 6 cubic feet of frozen foods at your fingertips. Refrigerator, above, is a 10½-cubic-footer.

Two separate gliding baskets at top of freezer corral small packages and juice cans where they are easy to see.

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Notes on food by *Ann Gilmartin*

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NEW wiring devices

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high-voltage equipment like range, dryer. (Having a special plug prevents using these in underpowered circuit.) Good for portable appliances, electric tools, motors—anywhere shock hazard exists. Also in damp area or shop where cords get rough treatment, may fray.

Hanger outlets are available for fans, clocks, spotlights, similar fixtures. Lets you flush mount appliance with no cord running up wall.

Outlet center with timer is compact unit that provides efficient, simultaneous service for four appliances without circuit overload. It has own circuit breakers, reset buttons. Clock controls one outlet for timed cooking (or music or sun lamp). Fits normal studding, mounts flush on wall.

Weatherproof outlets have screw-on cap or flip-up cover to shut out moisture. They can be mounted on outside wall, 18 inches off ground, or on end of freestanding conduit pipe.

Interchangeable units is the name given standard devices that can be grouped to fill a wall-plate outlet. You can choose the make-up from toggle or knob switches, outlets, night lights, pilot lights. Advantage is grouped service.

Multi-receptacle outlets are available to improve on familiar duplex (two receptacle) outlets. You can get three, four, or even five plug-ins, if your circuit can stand it.

Continuous-strip outlets are multi-receptacle, hollow plastic or metal raceways with wiring inside. They attach like molding, so avoid tearing holes in wall. One type of strip has outlets at 6- or 18-inch intervals. Another has a continuous live slot with movable plugs that twist in and out.

Advantage of strips is handling several appliances at one time without spider web of wires and four-way plugs. Kitchen is popular spot with strip usually placed along work surface splashboard. One strip features a fluorescent tube that fits into its plugs for under cabinet, indirect lighting.

Strips are handy in other spots: workshop, snack bar, dining areas—both indoor and out.

Used around baseboard of room, strips assure better than minimum-suggested plug every 6 feet. Fixed plug strips mean simple, immediate service anywhere around room. Movable plugs mean you expose only outlets you're using, can buy them as required, move them as you do furniture.

Warning: strip convenience can be temptation to overload (especially in kitchen). Know what your circuits will stand, stay within that. Movable plugs have individual fuses to protect your electrical system against a short, but they won't combat an overload.

Knowing these devices, answer this—

Could you use a new outlet outdoors—

on the patio for rotisserie or TV?
by front door for Christmas lights?
in garage for car vacuuming, polishing?
by barbecue for electric spit or mixer?
in garden for hedge trimmers, other electrically powered tools?
on terrace for outdoor hi-fi speaker or cooking aids?

Could you use a new outlet indoors—

in bedroom for TV or sewing machine?
in bathroom for space heater or sun lamp?
in your basement or a closet for a dehumidifier?
flush atop mantel for special lighting?
in bookcase to plug in record-playing equipment?
behind prized picture for special illumination?
in child's room—shockproof, tamperproof type?
in breakfast nook for waffle iron, toaster?
in attic for an exhaust fan?

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BEFORE. Fifty years ago it was a shelter from carriage to doorway. But the Clarkes needed all the space under the roof for living

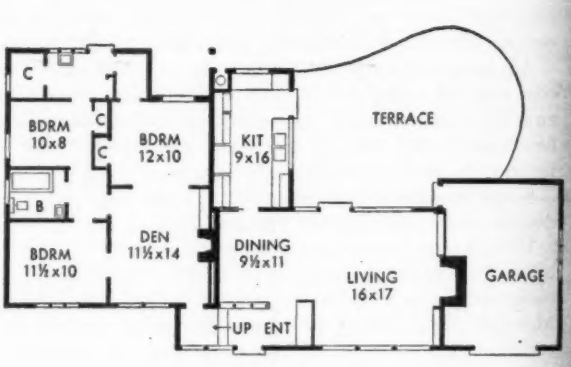
AFTER. Roof now shelters living space, but is cut off to preserve gable where eaves were narrowed. Vertical siding unifies old and new. Note the attached garage added at the right

More space under an old roof

If an old house is solidly built and not squeezed too much by a narrow lot, it can become an up-to-date home that takes full advantage of its site.

The Kenneth Clarkes of Pasadena, for example, were cramped in five rooms of a 50-year-old house. They decided to get inside the walls of their home the additional space already under a sheltering roof at the side of the house.

The old-fashioned carriage shelter was enclosed and extended to provide a new living-dining room and an efficiently organized kitchen. The old living [*Turn to page 150*



Architect Harold B. Zook converted old house (left) into bedrooms; wing at right is new

Photographs: de Gennaro

BEFORE. Here you see how the wide driveway to the old, detached garage left little of the back yard for enjoyable use of the family

AFTER. Now a paved terrace replaces the sprawling driveway and overlooks a lawn that is shielded from the street by the house and garage wing. Living area of the house goes beyond actual walls with this smart change

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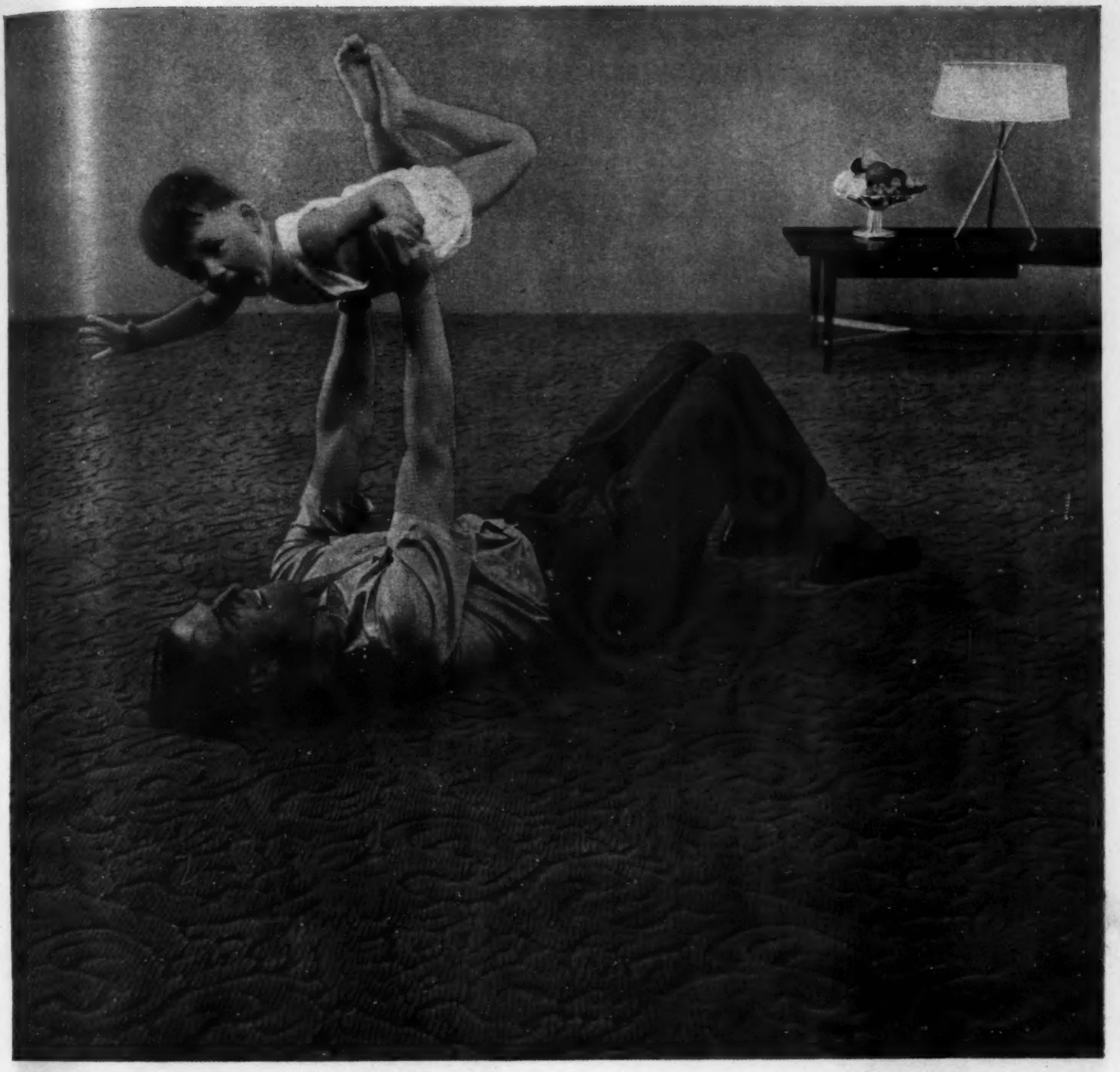

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Trends in today's kitchens

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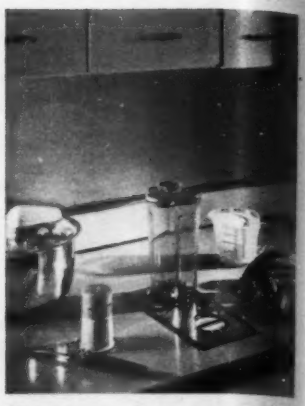
Automatic cooking takes over! Here's a gas-oven control for roasts. It'll turn off heat when roast beef reaches rare, medium, or well done; alerts you with a buzzer and a light.

To use, insert stainless-steel probe-type thermometer into the meat or the poultry, set dial, plug probe at end of cord into outlet on side of oven.



Multiple use for one appliance is the coming thing — a move designed to save kitchen space, time, money.

Here's a trio combination blender-mixer knife sharpener. Motor is recessed in kitchen counter top in drawer area.

This one motor operates all three "units." Take your choice. Assembly's easy. Motor adjusts for six mixing or blending speeds.

Built-in look in kitchens is here to stay. Separate refrigerator and freezer, cooking top and ovens use wall space to best advantage.

Also, consider built-in washers, dryers, TV, air conditioners, barbecue, desk, and sewing machine as other possibilities to include.

Disappearing cooking top in this range of the future slides under oven when not in use, leaving counter free for a bonus work space.

Electricity is automatically shut off as top glides under oven. Light attached to right side of oven banishes shadows at cooking area.

Old-fashioned pantry now is storage wall with slick cabinet doors. Choose deep or shallow pull-out shelves, Lazy Susan trays, adjustable shelves to suit your special storage needs.

Possibilities are unlimited in planning niches for small appliances, cleaning supplies, other bulkies.

Here's the way to make your money last longer out of doors

What's *your* pleasure when it comes to fun in the sun: woods, lakes, parks, ranch, seashore, mountains? Weekend jaunts in the car, maybe, and picnics under a tree? Or perhaps just a family dinner right in your own backyard or patio!

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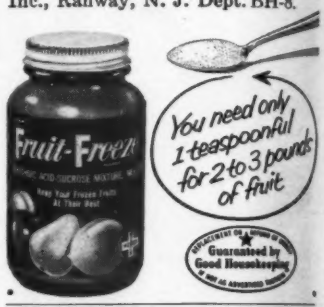

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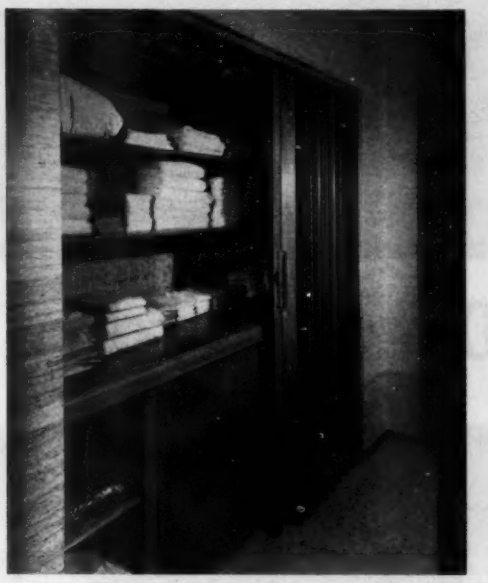
In the dining room. Black lacquer chest is suspended on plywood wall. Center section of long unit has sliding trays for table linens and mats. The door-front drop shelf serves as counter for selection and sorting of linens. The Nathan Bederman home, Highland Park, Illinois

For bed and bath linens. Sliding door across storage area saves space in this bedroom hall. Towel and bed linens are easily organized on shelves, and the large counter above storage drawers is handy for sorting. Big drawers below are cedar lined—store blankets



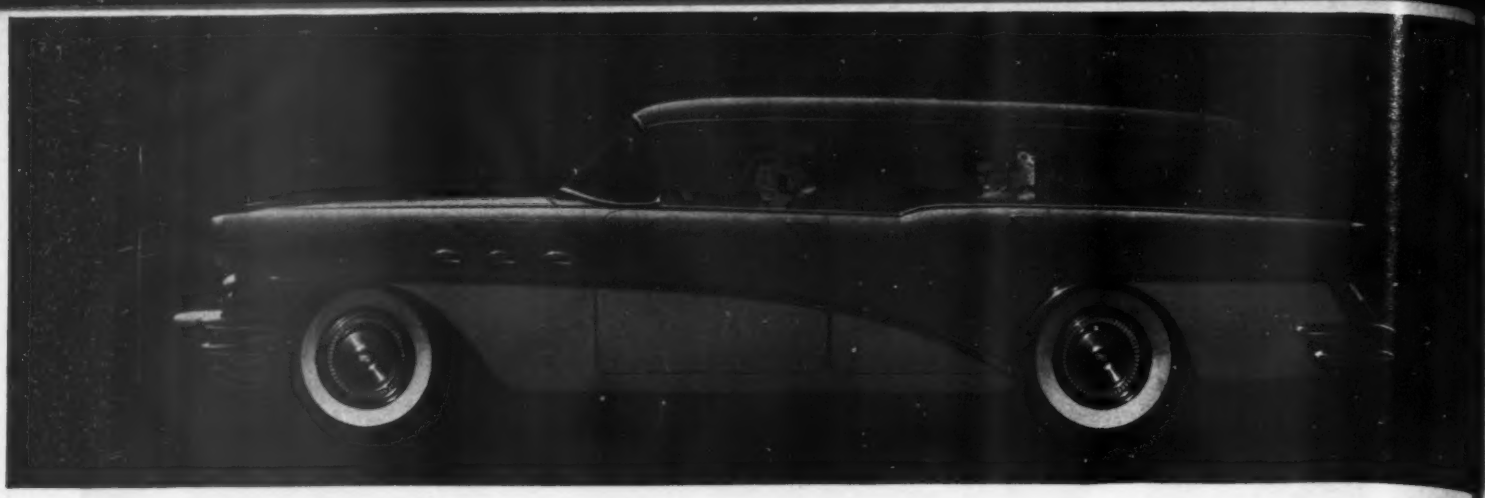
Storage details you'll want to try

THERE'S more to good storage than just a place to put things so they'll be out of sight. With careful planning, after considering your family's own needs, you can have organized storage as convenient as the units shown here. The storage units can be a decorative part of the home, too.

Living-room divider. Movable divider, topped by a 6-inch-deep planter, is finished to match the walls of this combination living-dining room in the Herbert M. Rich home, New Canaan, Connecticut. When large dinner parties are served, this entire "wall" can be moved forward. The versatile unit is high enough so persons seated in living-room area can't see over it

Photographs: Van Nes. Decorator: Jane Perin

There's storage, too. On the dining side, there's storage space for crystal, silver, and china behind simple sliding doors. Note the heavy-duty casters that help protect the carpeting from the weight of the unit and make it easier to move. If you plan such a unit, be sure to decide what's to be stored before you start building it—make the storage piece fit your family's needs



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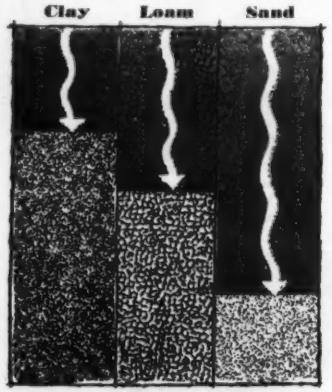


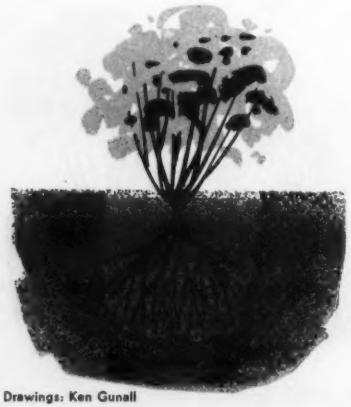
Amount of water needed to moisten soil a foot deep depends on type of soil. Penetration of inch of water in loam soil is 5 to 7 inches, more in lighter sandy soils, less in heavy clay soil

MOST plants thrive when they receive an average of an inch of water each week during their growing season. Mums, for example, need a total of 25 to 30 inches during their growing season. Radishes, on the other hand, may produce well with only one good rain, since they grow so quickly.

Ideally, the inch of water a week should be evenly distributed over the growing season, with some extra available during the heat of summer. But rain is seldom spaced so conveniently, so you must occasionally water to tide plants over between rains.

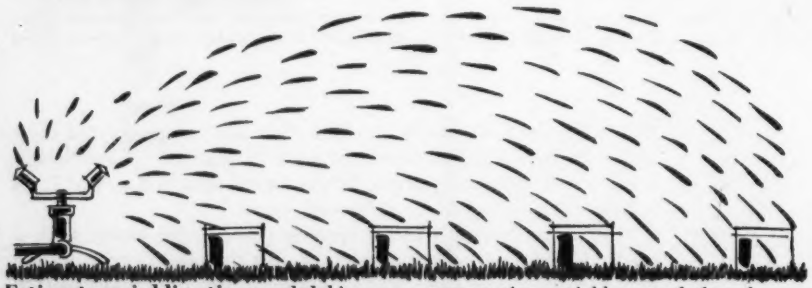
Intervals between waterings depend on how well the plant can draw moisture from the reservoirs in the soil. The deeper the root system, the longer the plant can go without extra water.

If the location is quite sunny or exposed to dry winds, you will need to supply extra water more often. Competition for water between plants is important, too. A shrub grown as a specimen will not require as much extra water as one grown in a border where it competes for moisture.



Light watering may be wasted. To help plant, you must get water to the roots. Water in the top few inches does little good if roots are in deeper zone. Deep watering isn't wasteful—it saves moisture in long run

Drawings: Ken Gunall



Estimate sprinkling time needed this way. Set cans at intervals out from sprinkler and measure time sprinkler runs before the cans catch an inch of water. Use straight-sided cans

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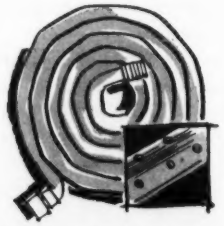
How to save when you water

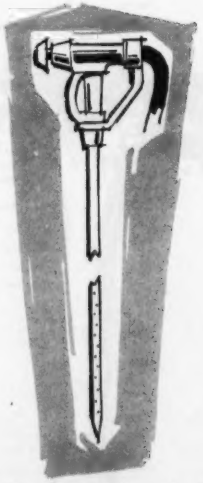
HERE are tools and rules to help you save time and water, whether you prefer a minimum program to insure survival of plants or extra growth and flowers



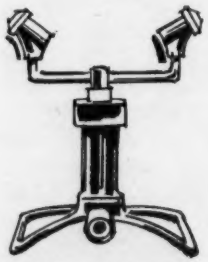
Soaker-sprinklers: Place upside down for soaking, or right side up for watering fast. Make simple work of watering irregular areas, long strips

Nozzles: Ideal for washing off dust, raising the humidity, and controlling red spiders. Not suitable for watering lawn

Breakers: These add a lot of water fast. Best for use with beds that hold water in place until it soaks into soil



Water lance: These devices carry moisture deep into soil. Use with roses, shrubs, trees



Sprinklers: Almost a necessity for a consistently good lawn. Best types give even distribution at all pressures

Watering cans: Save steps when you're setting out young plants. Also handy when you water tubbed plants outside

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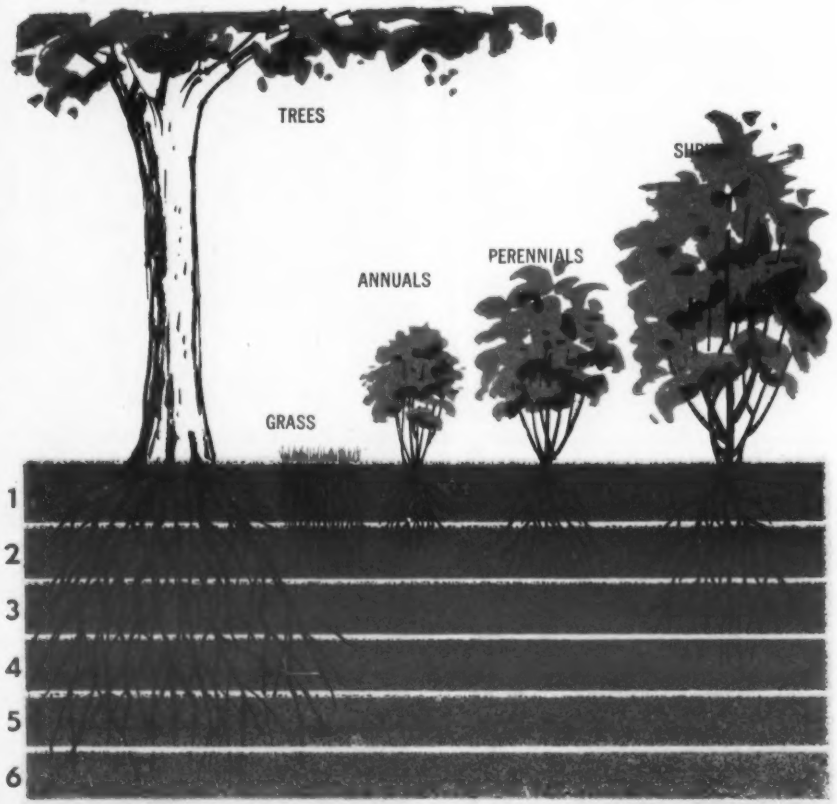
To do its job, water must reach root system

WHEN you water any plant, whether a large lilac or small tulip, add enough water to moisten all the soil around the roots. For annuals, this means 8 inches deep. For bigger perennials and small shrubs, moisten the soil at least 12 inches deep.

Except in drouth periods, soil below 12 inches will usually be moist. If it isn't, a thorough soaking will be necessary.

Shrubs, trees, and a few of the more vigorous perennials draw water from deep in the soil, as well as from near the surface. In dry summers, soak soil about them at least 18 inches deep to supplement natural supplies.



Depth roots grow is roughly proportional to top growth, as diagram shows. But there are exceptions: grass roots go quite deep, bulb roots are short in comparison to top growth. Soil dries out from top down. Begin watering when soil about the roots begins to dry out

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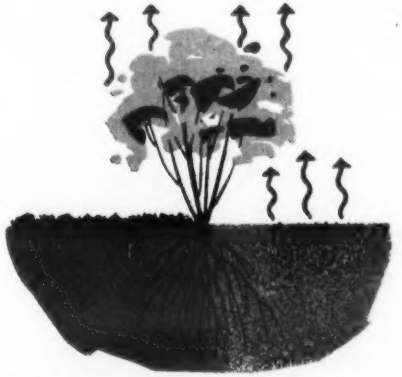
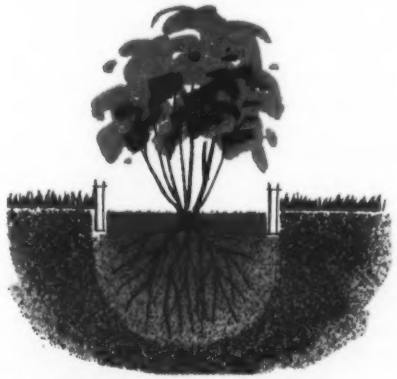
How to make water do more work, go further

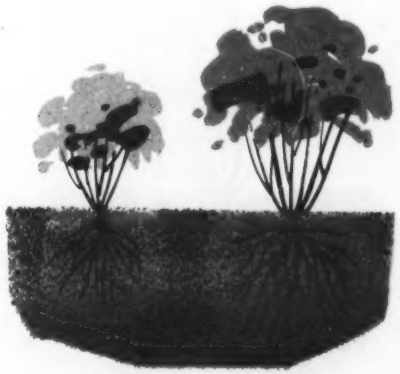


Mulches keep water in the soil. They reduce evaporation caused by wind and sun's heat. They keep soil surface loose so that water penetrates more readily, reducing loss by runoff

Weeds take moisture from the soil. Plants take moisture from soil as long as it is available. Keeping beds weed-free will help to eliminate any unnecessary loss of moisture



Edgings keep water in place until it soaks in. They give "controlled penetration" with no runoff so that the water stays around the plants or in the bed where it is most needed



Plant food develops stronger plants with deeper root systems. This enables plants to go longer between waterings because they draw water from a wider, deeper volume of soil

PLANTS can't ask you for a drink. But you can anticipate their needs. In most gardens there are a few "indicator" plants which begin to wilt before all others. When these begin to flag, you have a fairly reliable signal for watering needs.

If you are in doubt about watering needs, dig down with a spade. If you don't turn up moist soil, put the hose to work. When you do water, give your plants enough to get their roots wet. A shower is refreshing, but it is no substitute for a drink of water.

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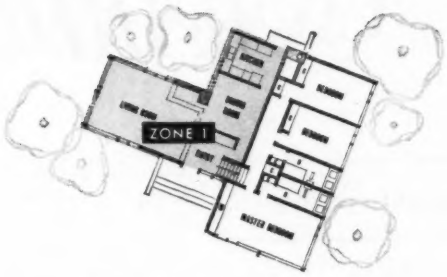

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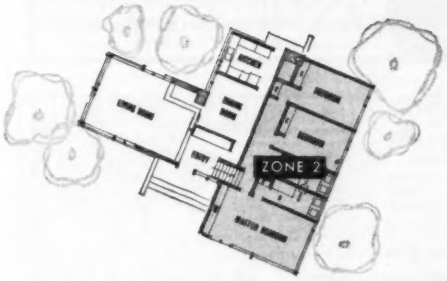

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AUGUST GARDEN

Central and East

Annuals, perennials, bulbs: Keep chrysanthemums watered—give them a light feeding in mid-August to increase size of blooms. . . . Plant colchicums and Autumn crocus as soon as the bulbs are available. There is still time to plant iris, Oriental poppies, and Madonna lilies.

Lawns: Get ready to start new lawns or rebuild bare spots after mid-August. Keep seeded areas constantly dark with moisture until grass seedlings are up. . . . Clean out crabgrass by spraying with a crabgrass killer containing sodium methyl arsonate or potassium cyanate.

Shrubs, trees: Give your roses the last feeding of the season. . . . Check lilacs for borer damage, usually found near base of old stems. Dig them out or inject several drops of carbon disulfide in hole and plug with clay. . . . Check your evergreens, phlox, and other perennials for redspider-mites. Spray with malathion or other good red-spider control chemical. . . . Let hose run slowly at base of young shrubs and trees to encourage roots to grow deeply. Water once a week if possible.

Vegetables, fruit: Sow turnips, radishes, lettuce, kale, and spinach for fall vegetables. . . . Prepare a bed for strawberries by spading under compost. Set out new plants as soon as possible.

South and Southeast

Shrubs, trees, and vines: Feed and water vitex and crapemyrtle to prolong their blooming season. . . . Cut back new growth on tree and vine wisterias to about the fourth bud on each shoot—but not later than mid-

Plant Madonna lilies early in the month so they can develop rosette of leaves before winter begins. Set tips only 2 inches from surface

Keep birdbaths filled with water during dry weather to encourage birds to stay around your property and help keep insects under control

REMINDERS

August. Wait until winter months to feed. . . . Water spring-planted trees at least once every 2 weeks. . . . Replenish mulches around camellias and azaleas, but do not feed.

Lawns: In southern Florida, plant dichondra for a groundcover, and in northern Florida, plant ajuga. . . . Plant sprigs of the new Emerald zoysia grass 6 inches apart. Feed and water to get well established by winter.

Annuals, perennials: Plant pansy seeds in Lower South for winter blooms. Expect first blooms by Christmas. . . . Sow seed of zinnias and other quick-flowering annuals for fall bloom in Middle and Lower South. . . . Divide and replant old iris clumps and order new varieties to set out. Louisiana iris are adapted for both boggy and upland soils. . . . Continue to plant Autumn crocus, Madonna lilies, sternbergia, and other bulbous plants.

Vegetables: In Lower South, plant heat-and-cold-resistant Wando, Willett's Wonder, or Green Bayou garden peas the first half of August for use this fall. . . . Plant mustard, chard, broccoli, collards, beets, and carrots in Lower and Middle South. Beans and okra will also have time to mature before killing frost in these areas.

Planning ahead: Study your garden for its best features and make arrangements to have outdoor floodlights installed to play up those features for night enjoyment.

Texas-Southwest

Shrubs, trees: Fight the white mildew that appears on the foliage of roses by spraying or dusting regularly with one of the good fungicides. . . . Give the last feeding to your roses in the high plains area. In the southern part of the Southwest, continue to feed until mid-September. [*Turn to next page*

Prune old fruiting canes off your bramble fruits soon after they bear. New fruiting canes will get more light and air, will fruit better

Feed your chrysanthemums every 3 weeks until flower buds start to show color. Water often enough to keep the plants growing vigorously

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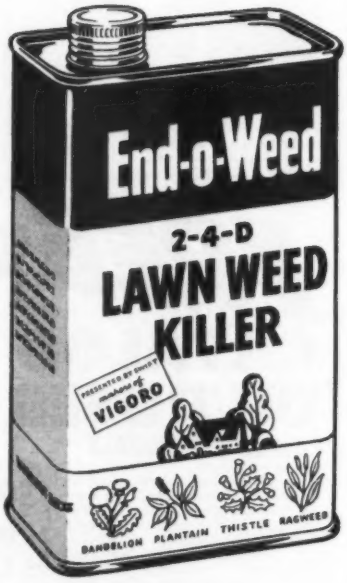

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August garden reminders

Begins on page 136

Annuals, perennials, bulbs: Order bulbs for fall planting. Include crocus, snowdrops, scillas, and other small kinds to plant in natural group near base of shrubs and in rock gardens. . . . Cut back zinnias, petunias, sweet alyssum, and similar annuals at least halfway for a second crop of good blooms. . . . In the Amarillo area, plant Canterburybells, sweet williams, delphiniums, and other biennial and perennial flowers. Wait until the latter part of the month to start them in the Waco area. . . . Lift crowded iris and daylily clumps. Divide and reset after the first good rain, or soak soil in advance to make digging easier. . . . In the Phoenix area, sow China pinks, portulaca, Drummond phlox, and other hardy annuals for late fall blooms.

House plants: Take cuttings from coleus, shrimp plant, geraniums, and other house plants to have bushy, young plants for indoor winter decoration.

Lawns: Look at the grass in the lawn after mowing. Brown tips indicate that mower is tearing, not cutting cleanly. Sharpen if necessary.

California

Shrubs, trees: Have your trees sprayed for the oak moth if the pest is active in your area. . . . In the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, water-in one of the acid plant foods designed for camellias. . . . Spray evergreens with water to wash free of dust and to discourage redspider-mites. . . . Spray plants with malathion or other good miticide if plants are badly infested with redspider-mites. . . . In the Fog Belt, see that azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons get plenty of water. Spread compost or other mulch under the reach of their branches. . . . Keep rosebushes growing by regular watering and by feeding every 3 or 4 weeks.

Annuals, perennials, bulbs: Plant sweetpeas for the first blooms in January or earlier. . . . In Southern California, make the first planting of Watsonia bulbs. . . . In the Fog Belt, plant clivias in shadiest corners. . . . Divide and transplant old clumps of Bird-of-paradise.

Fruit: Cut out old canes of boysenberries, blackberries, and other bramble fruits soon after they are through fruiting. . . . Keep a 2-inch mulch around strawberry plants to protect their shallow roots from heat.

Pacific Northwest

Shrubs, trees: Continue to water newly planted shrubs and trees. . . . Check hollies frequently and keep them growing with a light feeding and regular watering. . . . Take cuttings from broadleaf evergreens, rose daphne, heathers, and other shrubs. Root them in clean sand or vermiculite. . . . Water rose beds deeply every week during hot, dry weather. Stop feeding by August 1, but keep on dusting or spraying with a rose pesticide until frost. . . . Check new growth on rhododendrons and other plants for aphids. Spray with malathion or nicotine sulfate.

Annuals, perennials: Feed and water chrysanthemums regularly, and spray at 10-day intervals. . . . Plant Madonna lily, English and Spanish iris, Autumn crocus, hardy cyclamen, and colchicums. . . . Lift, divide, and reset old clumps of Oriental poppies, bleeding hearts, lilies-of-the-valley, primroses, and coralbells.

Vegetables: Sow seed of endive, spinach, beets, carrots, kohlrabi, and lettuce for fall vegetables. . . . Side-dress young vegetables with a complete plant food, and then water as needed to encourage vigorous fall growth.

Fruits: Peg tips of blackberry, raspberry, and other brambles to the ground to root new plants for next season.

Planting Evergreens?

Plant evergreens before they are ready to enter the period of winter dormancy. Here are some tips that will be helpful:

- Make sure the species of evergreens and deciduous shrubs you plant now are adaptable to fall planting.
- If you must delay the planting, heel the stock in and water well. Don't let the plants dry out.
- Dig the planting hole larger than the rootball. Fill in the bottom of the hole with a mixture of soil and Vigoro. Follow with a layer of topsoil. Set the plant the same depth that it was in the nursery.
- Water the plantings thoroughly.

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MOW GRASS FREQUENTLY. Set the mower higher now than you've had it earlier in the season. Set it about 1½ to 2 inches to discourage weeds and conserve moisture.

IF WEEDS ARE A PROBLEM spray them with End-o-Weed. You should use End-o-Weed through the season to keep weeds down and to prevent seeds from forming. Even now, End-o-Weed will keep your lawn from looking like a weed patch. It's sure death for dandelions, plantain, ragweed and more than 100 other broadleaf lawn weeds.

SOAK YOUR LAWN. Don't just sprinkle. Light sprinkling encourages shallow root formation.

***Are you putting in a new lawn?** Early fall is the time to start it. Cool nights, warm days and good moisture get your new lawn off to a good start. Seed planted in late summer and early fall will be up before the first frost, roots will develop and take hold, and you'll have a good start for a beautiful lawn for next year. Here are the steps:*

First spread 3 lbs. of Vigoro per hundred square feet.

Then spade the soil or have it rotary tilled. If you have acid soil, like that in the northeastern states, work in 40 lbs. of hydrated lime per thousand square feet at the same time you spade or till the soil.

Rake and level the soil. Remove all the clods. Make a good seed bed.

Sow the seed at the rate of 4 to 5 pounds per 1,000 sq. ft. Be sure your grass seed is suitable for your lawn as far as sun or shade goes. To get even distribution of the grass seed, mix it with sand and use a plant food spreader. If sowing by hand, sow half the seed lengthwise on your lawn and the other half crosswise. With a leaf rake, cover the seed very lightly.

Use a light roller to imbed seed. If a roller isn't available, use a tamper or a wide board. This step is essential.

Water with a fine spray. Water it thoroughly after planting and continue to keep surface moist until germination has taken place.

You probably will not have to cut the new lawn this fall. In fact, it's better if you do not cut it. Let it grow. You'll have plenty of opportunity to mow the lawn in the years to come.

***For the South:** Are you putting in a winter lawn? Nothing improves the appearance of the Southern home like a winter lawn. You'll do this when the Bermudagrass turns brown. Here are the steps, when the time comes:*

Mow the permanent grass closely and remove the clippings.

Apply Vigoro evenly, using only 3 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. of lawn.

Sow the winter grass seed. Then rake it into the soil lightly. If this raking is impractical, sift a ⅛ inch layer of fine soil over the seeds.

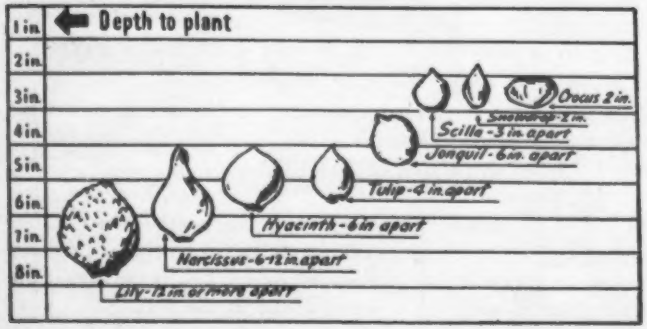
Soak down. Then sprinkle daily until the seed germinates and the grass is an inch high.

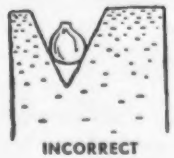
There you are! . . . old lawns, new lawns, winter lawns. This is the time to take care of them.

Planting bulbs?

When you plant fall bulbs, mix plant food with the soil you spade for the bed. Use 1 lb. of Vigoro per 25 sq. feet of bed. Spade the beds to a depth of 12 to 18 inches, to get the plant food deep in the soil. Ideally, bulbs should be planted in sandy loam. If your soil is heavy clay, add sand and humus materials. If your soil is of a wet nature, spread a layer of small rocks, broken pots below the bulbs.

This chart illustrates the depth and distance apart bulbs should be planted. In sandy soil, plant bulbs deeper than indicated on the chart.





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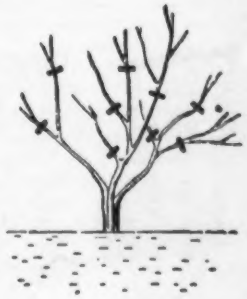
Where do you live?

Here's what good gardeners do in late summer and early fall in your area . . .

IN THE NORTH, good gardeners are:

- Dividing and resetting Oriental Poppies before they begin their fall growth.
- Keeping seed heads picked from annual flowers to encourage prolonged bloom.
- Giving chrysanthemums their final pinching back . . . and feeding them with a light feeding of Vigoro to encourage abundant bloom.
- Use End-O-Pest Rose Dust to control chrysanthemum pests and diseases.

IN THE SOUTH, good gardeners are:



- Pruning hybrid tea roses, cutting them back a third to a half. Feed them now, using 3 lbs. of Vigoro Rose Food per 100 sq. feet.
- Planting bearded iris to replenish plantings. The tops should be cut back to five or six inches before transplanting.
- Planting peonies (in the upper South). Prepare a rich soil because peonies are heavy feeders. Sweet peas should be planted by the latter part of August. Soak the seeds overnight and plant them at a depth of 1½ to 2 inches. Sweet peas like plenty of lime and plant food.

IN CALIFORNIA, good gardeners are:

- Feeding roses with Vigoro Rose Food for better fall bloom. Trim out any dead branches or twiggy growth. Keep the plants well dusted with End-o-Pest Rose Dust to control rust, red spider and mildew.
- Shaping and pruning Espalier fruit trees. Cut back side shoots to about four inches from the leading branches which give the trees their form.
- Trimming Fuchsias lightly and giving them a feeding. They usually stop blooming now but, with proper treatment, they will make new growth and will bloom freely when cooler weather comes.

Posts, panels, planks, and beams

Begins on page 62

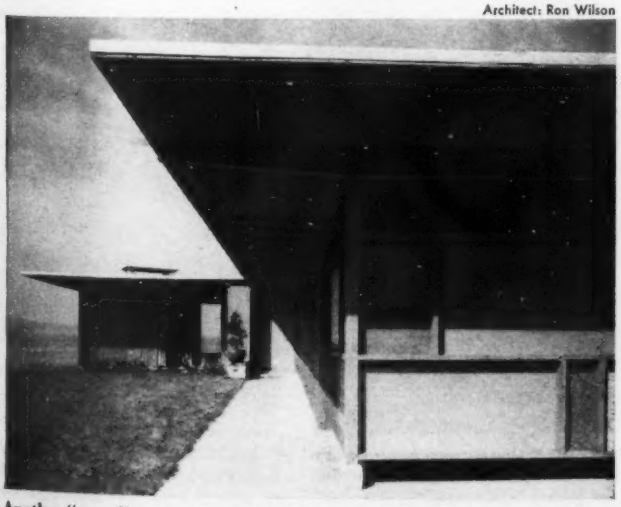
Hedrich-Blessing

Because you can add or subtract walls without endangering structure, a post-and-beam house is easier to expand. To extend living, wall filler panels "knock out" between posts and beams. Added framework—more posts and beams—goes up quickly to enlarge the roof

Photographs: Dearborn-Massar. Architect: Paul Hayden Kirk

Covered outdoor areas? Post and beam builds them for you cheaper, easier, lets you cover as much or as little as you want while leaving the rest exposed. Here, too, are the skeletal makings for future expansion. No planning is needed—just close in the walls and roof

Architect: Ron Wilson



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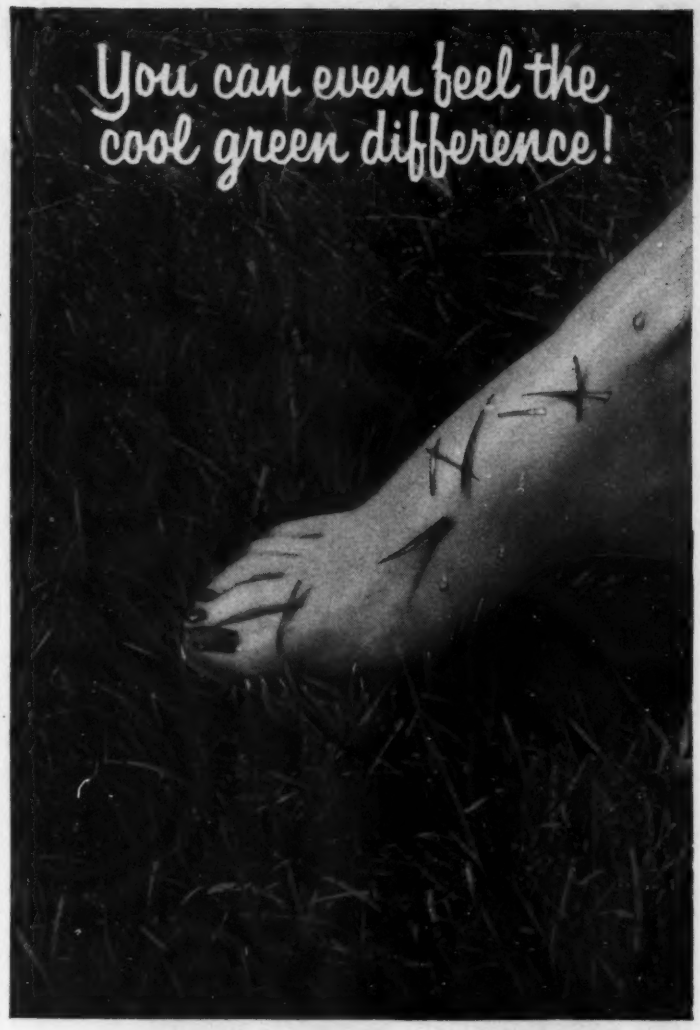

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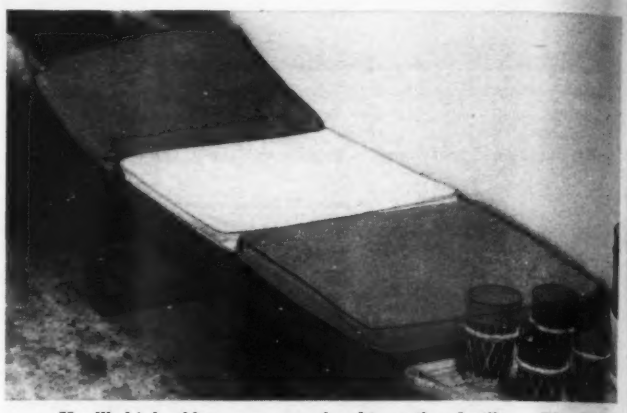


You'll think of lots more uses for thin, tailored pillows. Plan the pillow size to fit a favorite bench, then you can use them indoors and out. These are made from rectangles of one-inch foam rubber (which can be cut to the size you want) and covered with sturdy fabric

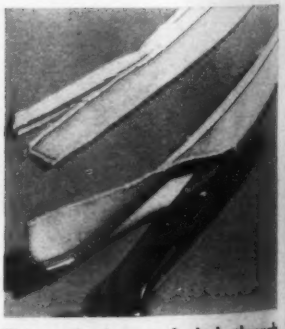
Tricks to speed up sewing cover

Use a separating (jacket-type) zipper approximately the length of one side of pillow—no longer. Take a strip of fabric slightly longer than the zipper and 2½ inches wide.

Place one side of zipper face down on right side of fabric and stitch as shown, with adjustable zipper foot.

Then bring lengthwise edges of fabric together, enclosing zipper within the folded fabric strip.

"Bar tack" across ends and stitch alongside, using edge of zipper foot against teeth as guide. Finish other side of zipper the same way.



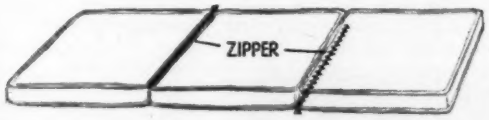
Trim off edges and slash through fold. Presto! Zipper is neatly inserted into fabric. Now stitch to side of corded pillow top or bottom so it can be zipped to the next pillow.

See sketch of pillows, opposite, to help decide where zippers should go.

Just right for porch or outdoor parties. Unzip pillows and use separately for extra "on the floor" seating. They're lightweight, so tuck them in the car when you go on outings. You'll get the most use from them if they are covered with a washable fabric which has a minimum of shrinkage. Sailcloth, upholstery, or plastic-finish fabric is good

Photographs: Stanley

So they'll fold into a three-tiered seat, the center pillow has half a zipper on top left edge and half a zipper on bottom right. The other half of each zipper is attached to corresponding edges of outside pillows (see sketch)



Pillow has top, bottom pieces, and band thickness of foam rubber. Lay rubber on fabric; mark around edge. Stitch cording on this line.

Overlap cording to avoid bulk (see arrow). Sew top and bottom pieces to band with plain inside seam.

Sew pillow cover completely except for one edge, as shown. Work foam-rubber rectangle into cover; adjust.

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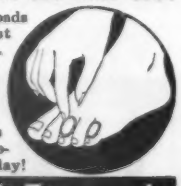

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The diary of a

Plain dirt gardener.®

By Harry R. O'Brien

Brought five ripe tomatoes in to Maggie. She sliced 'em for supper. How good your own tomatoes taste!

Aug. 1 There are a lot of purty posies all around, outdoors, in spite of the heat. Glads and dahlias are beginning to perform. Plenty of bloom on petunias, marigolds, and other annuals.

Ditto, the rose beds. That big spot of color toward the back is where the late daylilies are showing off.

To get out of homework, I drove Maggie over to see how Donald, Janet, and the two grandkiddies—Gary and Danny—are coming along. Janet showed me how the marigolds I gave her are in bloom. The two little trees I gave Donald are growing well.

But his front lawn is still in a mess. Before long, he plans to turn under the ryegrass he sowed, work it up, and then sow a permanent grass seed.

Aug. 2 Out for an early morning walk, just to see the blooms on Maggie's morning glories. To see them at their best, you have to do the viewing early, these hot days. What is home in August without a few morning glories?

Aug. 3 Tonight, with temperature 100 in the shade, I just snooped around for light exercise, with following results:

Spied a tent-worm colony high up in the Baldwin apple tree. I snipped this out with my trimmers and burned it on a paper bonfire. Did a few other light pruning jobs, such as cutting some dead twigs out of the magnolia.

Brought five ripe tomatoes in to Maggie. She sliced 'em for supper. How good your own tomatoes taste!

Aug. 4 Temperature up to 99 when work time came, so did some more snooping around. Discovered some bagworms on two Pfitzer junipers. I should have sprayed or dusted in late June or early July.

Went for my dust gun, which contained malathion. Didn't know whether this would do any good.

Came back in about 15 minutes and the worms were all jumping up and down inside their bags. The dust has 'em worried, at least.

Aug. 6 Sorta chilly late afternoon, after the hot weather we've been having. Thermometer up only to 92 when time to go out to work.

Well, Maggie hiked me out in the chilly air anyhow, to get some sweet corn for supper. Only real work was to put on some more crabgrass killer.

Aug. 8 Looked at my mums today. They seemed hungry. So put plant food on the ground around each one. Then carried on the never-ending work with the rose beds. Was cutting off faded blooms until too dark to see any more.

Aug. 11 Ground seemed too wet for cultivating, after the rain last night. So I pulled weeds in the back iris bed. Also dug my onion crop and left it on top of the ground to dry and cure for a few days. My onions are not much to brag about.

Aug. 12 Soon as I got home tonight Maggie sent me out to pick garden sass for supper. When I came back, I also had an armful of glad blooms.

Aug. 13 The thermometer really had dropped down this afternoon. The sun went away, a chill wind blew, and it began to drizzle a cold rain. So Maggie and I drove over to Donald's. Janet was bubbling over with news that there are actually muskmelons on the vines in the vegetable patch.

Donald was stewing about how to handle his new lawn after he works under the annual ryegrass.

So I orated on how to work in some peat and plant food. Get these into the soil before sowing the seed. You can never do it afterward, I told him.

Aug. 17 Good news is that we bought a new family chariot. That is, I traded the old one in for a new. The family has been pestering me to do this. So today I pried up the brick by the fireplace, took out enough doubloons, and hied to town to tell the man I'd take that dark-green one.

What do you know? When the man got out the documents I had to sign for the transfer—why, he had 'em all made out. Maggie and David had been in last week and told him to stand by.

Cultivated all my mums this evening. I am resolved to have good mums this fall or bust. So if about October 6 you hear a loud boom, it will just be old PDG blowing up.

Aug. 18 Somewhat sadly cleaned things out of the old chariot and drove to town to get the new one, with so many patented contraptions on it, I'll have to learn to drive all over again. To put mileage on, picked up Maggie and we drove over to show the new car to Donald and family.

News here was that he has had three truckloads of topsoil delivered and dumped. He has bought

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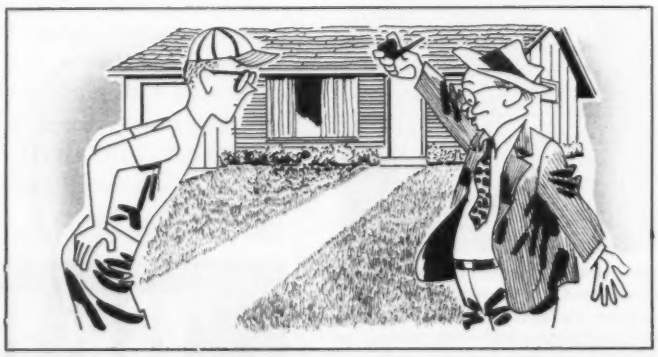

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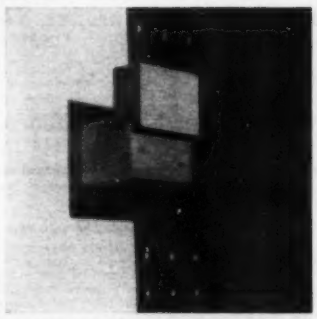
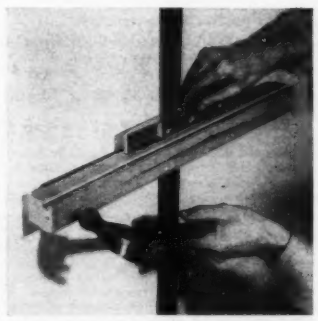
How to install playroom panels



Perforated hardboard, corkboard, and "blackboard" panels (they're 2½x4 feet) are fastened to gypsum wallboard-batten wall by means of dadoed strips which interlock.

You'll need four of these strips for each panel. For corkboard panel, laminate sheet cork, (or cork flooring tile) to ¼-inch plywood.

Blackboard panel is sheet of ½-inch plywood painted with blackboard enamel you can buy.



Center 2x3 dadoed strips across battens, inserting scrap pieces of batten material under each end of strips for "blocking" and nailing.

The 2x3s must be level . . . the distance apart is determined by position of the interlocking strips. The panels are interchangeable.

Glue and/or brad perforated-hardboard, corkboard, and blackboard panels to 1x3 dadoed strips that match the ones you fastened to wall.

Make sure they align before you permanently fasten them to panels.

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The Aluminum Cooking Utensil Co., Inc.

All Division Winners will be presented with a four piece *Anniversary Set of Hallite by Wear-Ever*. The three *Best-of-Contest Winners* will win an additional *Hallite Sauce Pot Brazier* and *Tea Kettle*.

American Kitchens

Division of AVCO Manufacturing Corporation
Kitchen-Utility Division Winners will be refunded the full purchase price of *American Kitchen Roto-Tray Dishwasher, Stack-on-Oven, Counter-top Range* and all other *American Kitchen* products if used in the winning project.

American-Standard

Plumbing & Heating Division
Best-of-Contest Winners will receive a cash refund equal to the retail cost of *American-Standard Bathroom, Kitchen* or *Heating products* or any combination of these products used in their winning entry.

Andersen Corporation

Qualifying Winners in all Divisions who use *Andersen Windows* in their home improvement project will receive a refund of the retail cost of those *Andersen* products used.

The Autoyre Company

Kitchen-Utility Qualifying Winners will be awarded an *Autoyre Master Bath Set* of 6 matching *Lustre-Chrome* Accessories.

Azrock Floor Products

Division of Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company
All Division Winners will receive a cash refund of the purchase price of any of these products if used in their winning entries: *Vina-Lux vinyl asbestos tile, Azphlex vinylized tile,* or *Azrock asphalt tile.*

T. Baumritter Co., Inc.

Ethan Allen American provincial furniture, Birchcraft casual modern furniture, Roomates furniture, Viko furniture or Restocrat reclining chairs in their winning living rooms, dining room, bedrooms, kitchens, rumpus rooms, or porches will receive the following prizes:
First Prize Winner (Best-of-Contest):
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Second Prize Winner (Best-of-Contest):
Full refund price of all *Baumritter* furniture mentioned above—purchased in 1956—for your entry.
Third Prize Winner (Best-of-Contest):
Full refund price of all *Baumritter* furniture mentioned above—purchased in 1956—for your entry up to $250.00.
Winners must produce satisfactory evidence of their product purchase and the name of the dealer.

The Black & Decker Manufacturing Co.

All Division Winners will win a $50.00 certificate that can be turned in at any *Black & Decker* dealer on any *Black & Decker* merchandise.

Blue Ridge Glass

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Division Winners using *Blue Ridge Patterned Glass* in their winning home improvement project will receive a refund of the purchase price of the glass. Winners must show suitable evidence of purchase price and use of *Blue Ridge Patterned Glass.*

Bolta Products

Division of the *General Tire & Rubber Co. Interior* and *Addition Division Winners* who use *Bolta-Wall Tile* in their winning entry will be refunded the full retail purchase price of the *Bolta-Wall Tile* used. Winners must show suitable evidence of purchase and use in winning entry.

E. L. Bruce Company

All Division Winners will receive the refund price of any *Bruce Prefinished Floors* used in their home improvement project.

Bryant

Best-of-Contest Winners will receive a cash refund of the published retail price, either a *Bryant furnace* or *Bryant cooling unit* if used in their winning project. If both *Bryant cooling* and *heating units* are installed, winners will receive a refund of the purchase price on the cooling unit only. Installation costs are not included. Winners must show evidence of purchase in 1956.

Bulldog Electric Products Co.

Division Winners in the *Interiors, Additions,* and *Kitchen-Utility* sections will be awarded *double* the current list price of any *Duo-Guard Pushmatic Electri-Center* panelboard and/or any *Electrostrip* multiple outlet assembly used in their entries. Winners must show suitable evidence that the products were purchased in 1956.

Cabin Crafts, Incorporated

Interior-Division Winners who use any *Cabin Crafts-Needletuft Carpeting, Rugs* and/or *Bedspreads* in their project will receive a full refund price of those products used.

Cameo Curtains, Inc.

Qualifying Winners in all Divisions who use *Cameo Curtains* or *Draperies* in their winning project will be refunded the full purchase price by *Cameo Curtains, Inc.*

The Celotex Corporation

Best-of-Contest Winners will receive a cash refund of these *Celotex Building Products* if used in their winning entries—*interior finishes, rock wool insulation, hardboard, sheathing, siding, asphalt shingles, gypsum wallboard, lath, floor underlayment, backer board* and *Cemesto.*

Columbus Coated Fabrics Corporation

Interior Division Winners who use *Wall-Tex* in their winning entry will receive the full purchase price in refund or will be given enough *Wall-Tex* of their preference to finish any other room.

Congoleum-Nairn Inc.

All Division Winners will receive a refund of the purchase price or merchandise equivalent of any *Congoleum-Nairn Gold Seal Floor* and/or *Wall products* used.

Crane Co.

Best-of-Contest Winners will receive a cash refund equal to the retail cost of any 1956 purchases of *Crane bathroom, kitchen,* or *heating* products if used in the winning entry.

Cribben & Sexton Company

Kitchen-Utility Division Winners whose winning project is a kitchen improvement and uses a 1956 *Universal Gas Range* will be refunded the product purchase price.

Crosley and Bendix

Home Appliances Division
AVCO Manufacturing Corporation
Kitchen-Utility Division Winners will receive a refund of the purchase price of any *Crosley* or *Bendix* products used in their prizewinning entry. Suitable evidence must be shown of purchase and use of *Crosley* or *Bendix* Home Appliance products in their projects.

Delta Power Tool

Division of Rockwell Manufacturing Co.
Best-of-Contest and Division Winners will receive a refund up to $300 of the cost of *Delta Tools* bought in 1956 and used in building your winning entry. Sales slip will be sufficient proof of 1956 purchase.

Detroit Controls

Contest winners will receive a cash refund equal to the retail cost of the *Ca-412 Classic Thermostat* when used in their winning entry.

DeWalt, Incorporated

Class "A" Division Winners in the Exterior, Interior, Kitchen-Utility Room Divisions who use 1956 DeWalt power tools in their winning projects will receive a refund of the product cost of the tools used. Winners must show suitable evidence of their *1956* purchase and use of DeWalt tools in their winning projects.

E. I. DuPont De Nemours & Co., Inc.

All Division Winners who use *Dupont Paints* in their winning project will be refunded the full product purchase price by the dealer from whom it was bought. Winners must show suitable evidence of the purchase & use of *DuPont Paints.*

Edwards & Company, Inc.

Interior Qualifying and Division Winners will be presented with *Edwards Door Chimes*—Division Winners will receive a *Canterbury Chime* (C-62); Qualifying Winners will receive a choice of any one of these *Edwards Door Chimes, Bolero* (C-21 or C-20), *Minuet* (C-22 or C-23) or *Hideaway* (C-32).

Ekco Products Company

Best-of-Contest Winners will be presented with these *Ekco* stainless steel cooking utensils:
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Second Prize Winner—11-piece *Flint-Ware Homemaker's* set.
Third Prize Winner—9-piece *Flint-Ware Family* set.
Kitchen-Utility Division Winners will be presented with a 6-piece *Flint-Ware Starter* set.

Eljer

Division of Murray Corporation of America
Division Winners in the Interior, Addition and Kitchen-Utility Divisions who use *Eljer Fixtures* in their winning project will receive a refund of the product costs of those *Eljer products* used (installation costs excluded). Winners must show suitable evidence of purchase price and use of *Eljer* products in their winning entries.

The Formica Company

Kitchen-Utility Division Winners using *Beauty Bonded Formica* in their winning entry will receive an additional $500 in prize money.

Frigidaire Appliances

Best-of-Contest Awards
If you win *1st prize*, product costs will be refunded on any or all of the following 1956 *Frigidaire* products purchased: *refrigerators, ranges, food freezers, washer* and *dryer, dishwasher, room air conditioner* or *central air conditioner* up to 5 tons.
If you win *2nd prize*, product costs will be reimbursed on any or all of the 1956 *Frigidaire* appliances purchased mentioned above for first prize winners except *washer* and *dryer* or a *Frigidaire air conditioner* up to 3 tons.
If you win *3rd prize*, product costs will be reimbursed on any or all of the following 1956 *Frigidaire* products purchased: *refrigerator, range, washer,* or *dryer* or a *central air conditioner* up to 2 tons.
Kitchen-Utility Division
If you win one of the next four prizes in the *Kitchen-Utility Division*, product costs will be refunded on any 1956 *Frigidaire refrigerator* or *range* purchased or *both* prizes awarded only for entries in a single contest category. Only one prize awarded per winner. Winners must produce satisfactory evidence of their product purchase and cost.

Frigidaire Residential Air Conditioning

Best-of-Contest Awards
First prize winner will be refunded the product costs on *Frigidaire Central Air Conditioner* unit up to 5 tons purchased in 1956. Installation costs are excluded in refund price.
Second prize winner will be reimbursed on the product costs on *Frigidaire* products as mentioned above up to a 3-ton unit.
Third prize winner will receive full refund on the *Frigidaire Central Air Conditioner* as above, but cannot exceed a 2-ton unit.
Winners must provide satisfactory evidence of their product purchase and cost excluding installation.

General Electric Company

Home Heating & Cooling Department
Qualifying Winners in the Interior Division will be awarded a 1956 *General Electric Electronic Air Cleaner* and $50.00 for installation (or the equivalent in cash) if *General Electric heating* and *air conditioning* products are used in their winning entries.

General Electric Co.

Appliance and Television Receiver Division
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Geneva Modern Kitchens

Division of Acme Steel Company
Kitchen-Utility Division Winners will be refunded the full purchase price of all 1956 *Geneva* equipment used in their winning project. This includes *Geneva cabinets, sinks, counter tops, and accessories* (excluding installation). Winners must show suitable evidence of purchase and use.

Georgia-Pacific Plywood Co.

Best-of-Contest Winners will receive a refund of the retail value if any of these *Georgia-Pacific Plywood* products are used in the winning entries—Georgia Pacific *Textured Wall Paneling;* Georgia Pacific *Striated Plywood;* Georgia Pacific *Hardwood Paneling* or *Sassunah Oak Paneling;* or Georgia Pacific *Plastic-Faced Plywood.*

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

All Division Winners who use any exterior masonry paint or concrete floor enamel made with *Pliolite* in their winning entry will be refunded full product purchase price (names of suppliers on request). Winners must show suitable evidence that paint used contains *Pliolite.*

Hamilton-Beach Company

Division of Scovill Manufacturing Co.
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Division Winners.
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Qualifying Winners
If you are one of the 128 *Qualifying Winners*, you will be presented with a new *Hamilton Beach Mixette.*

Hamilton Manufacturing Corporation

Kitchen-Utility Division Winners will be presented with a *Cosco Step Stool* (model 4-M) by the *Hamilton Manufacturing Corporation.*

The Hobart Manufacturing Co.

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Hunter-Douglas Corporation

Best-of-Contest Winners and/or *All Division Winners* will receive $500 cash allowances if any of the following *Flexalum* products are used in their home improvement projects—*Twi-Nighter Venetian Blinds, Flexalum Drapery Draperies* and/or *Flexalum Aluminum Awnings.*

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Kimberly Clark Corporation
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Qualifying Winners in the *Kitchen-Utility Division* will receive a cash refund equal to the retail cost of the *Marvalon Shelf Lining, Drawer Lining,* and *Adhesive Veneer* used in improvement projects.

The Kitchen Maid Corporation

Best-of-Contest Winners will receive a cash refund of the retail price of any *Kitchen Maid cabinets* used in their winning project. Winners must provide suitable evidence of purchase and cost.

Kohler Company
Plumbing Fixtures Division

Best-of-Contest Winners (first, second, and third prize) will receive a cash refund equal to the product cost (only) of complete sets of *Kohler Bathroom,* or *Powder Room,* or *Kitchen, Utility* or *Laundry Room Fixtures* with fittings used in the winning improvement projects.

Lennox Industries Inc.
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To any of the 128 *Qualifying Winners* who have installed a *Lennox Heating* system during 1956, a central *Lennox Air Conditioning* unit will be awarded free. If both *Lennox Heating* and *Air Conditioning* have been installed by any one of the 128 Qualifying Winners during 1956, the cost for the air conditioning (equipment only) will be refunded.

Levolor Lorentzen, Inc.

Qualifying Winners in all Divisions who use *Levolor Venetian blinds* in their winning project will receive a refund of the product purchase price.

Lightolier
Best-of-Contest Awards

First Prize Winner will be awarded $150 credit toward the retail price of any additional *Lightolier* merchandise you wish to purchase. This award includes lighting fixtures; wall, floor, table or ceiling lamps or outdoor lighting fixtures.

Second Prize Winners will receive free $100 worth of additional *Lightolier* merchandise at retail price.

If you are among the 16 divisional contest winners you will receive free $25 worth of additional *Lightolier* fixtures; wall, floor, table or ceiling lamps and outdoor lighting fixtures.

All contest winners must provide suitable evidence that their entries use *Lightolier* lamps and/or fixtures.

Lord & Burnham Greenhouses
Best-of-Contest Awards

If you win *first prize* using an *Orlyt Greenhouse* in your home improvement project, you will receive a refund of up to $500 of the purchase price of the *Orlyt Greenhouse.*

If you win *second prize* using an *Orlyt Greenhouse* in your home improvement project, you will receive a refund of up to $300 of the purchase price of the *Orlyt Greenhouse.*

If you win *third prize* using an *Orlyt Greenhouse* in your home improvement project, you will receive a refund of up to $200 of the purchase price of the *Orlyt Greenhouse.*

Suitable evidence of purchase during 1956, and use of the *Orlyt Greenhouse* in the prize-winning project must be furnished.

Magic Chef, Incorporated

Kitchen-Utility Division Winners will receive a refund of the full purchase price of any 1956 *Magic Chef Gas Range* used in their winning project. Suitable evidence of purchase and use must be shown.

Marsh Wall Products, Inc.

Division Winners in the *Interior, Addition,* and *Kitchen-Utility Divisions* will receive a refund equal to the purchase price of *Marlite Paneling* used in their winning entries.

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Any of the sixteen *Division* $500 *Winners* who use either interior or exterior *Moe Light fixtures* in their winning entry will be refunded the retail purchase price upon presenting sales slip. (Does not include installation.)

The Mosaic Tile Company

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Mueller Climatrol Heating and Air Conditioning

Best-of-Contest Winners will receive a cash refund equal to the retail cost (equipment only) of the *Mueller Climatrol Heating* and *Air Conditioning* unit they have installed in their homes, if installed during 1956. If both *Mueller Climatrol Heating* and *Air Conditioning* have been installed during 1956, the cost for air conditioning (equipment only) will be refunded.

National Chemical and Mfg. Co.

Qualifying Winners in all Divisions using *Luminall Paint* in their winning home improvement project will receive a refund of the purchase price of the *Luminall Paint* used.

National Lead Company

Qualifying Winners in all Divisions using *"Dutch Boy" Paints* in their winning home improvement project will receive a refund of the purchase price of the *"Dutch Boy" Paints* used.

Newcastle Products, Inc.

Qualifying Winners in the Interior, Additions and Kitchen-Utility Divisions will receive refund of the purchase price of any *Modernfold Doors* purchased in 1956 and used in their winning entries.

John Oster Manufacturing Co.

Addition Division Winners in Class "A" will receive a *Cummins Maxaw, No. 737, Portable Electric Saw.*

Kitchen-Utility Division Winners in Class "A" will receive a *Model No. 403 Chrome Deluxe Osterizer.*

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All Division Winners will be presented with three *Libbey 8-piece Royal Fern* sets (goblets, sherbets, and coolers) by *Libbey.*

Pass & Seymour, Inc.
Best-of-Contest Winners

First prize winner will be refunded cost of *Roto-Glo switches, convenience outlets* and *wall plates* manufactured by *Pass and Seymour, Inc.,* including electrical contractor's charge for wiring necessary for their installation, but not including service entrance or special heavy duty circuits.

Second and Third prize winners will be refunded cost of *Pass & Seymour Roto-Glo switches, convenience outlets* and *wall plates* installed by electrical contractor, installation costs not included.

Winners must show receipted, itemized invoice from qualified electrical contractor.

Perma-Stone Company

Exterior Division Winners using *Perma-Stone* in their winning entry will receive a refund of the entire purchase price of the *Perma-Stone* installation.

Personal Products Corporation

Qualifying Winners in all Divisions will be presented with a *Jonny Mop* disposable toilet mop package containing 30 pads, china-white handle and dispenser by *Personal Products Corporation.*

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H. K. Porter Company, Inc.

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The Reardon Company

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The Regina Corporation

Interior-Division Winners will be presented with a *Regina Electrikbroom. Kitchen-Utility Division Winners* will be presented with a *Regina Twin-Brush Polisher* and *Scrubber.*

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Division Winners in the *Kitchen-Utility Room Project Division* who use *Republic Steel Kitchen* products in their winning project will receive a refund of the product costs of those *Republic Steel Kitchen* products used. Winners must show suitable evidence of purchase price and use of *Republic Steel Kitchen* products in their winning entries.

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First Prize Best-of-Contest Winner whose winning entry is a kitchen project that uses 1956 *Revco Bilt-in refrigerator and/or freezer* will receive a refund of the purchase price and installation of the *Revco* products used.

Kitchen-Utility Division Winners will receive a refund of the purchase price of 1956 *Revco Bilt-in refrigerator and/or freezer* used in their winning project.

Reynolds Metals Company

Qualifying Winners in all Divisions will receive a refund of the retail price of any *Reynolds Do-It-Yourself Aluminum* used in their winning home improvement project.

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Interior and Addition Division Winners will be refunded the purchase price of any *Richmond Plumbing Fixtures* used in a prizewinning bathroom modernization project.

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$500 in cash will be paid any *Division Winner* in the *Interiors, Additions,* or *Kitchen-Utility* categories if *Craftwall factory-finished paneling* is used, plus full purchase price of *Craftwall factory-finished* paneling will be refunded.

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Kitchen-Utility Division Winners whose winning project is a kitchen improvement and uses a 1956 *Suburban electric or gas built-in range* (oven and/or cook-top) will be refunded the product purchase price.

A. O. Smith Corporation
Permaglas Division

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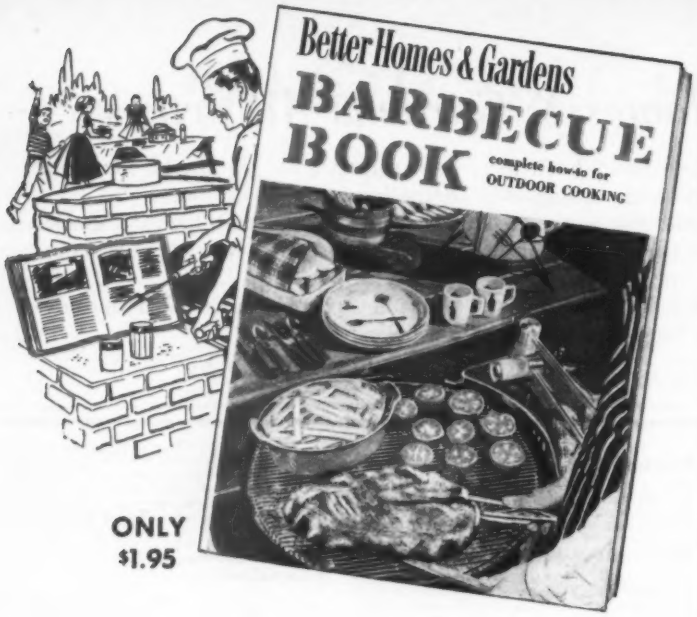

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The diary of a plain dirt gardener

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a little scraper blade for his tractor. With this, he expects to move and spread the soil over his lawn.

Back home, felt so important about having that new car, I knew our social standing had risen in the community. Now I'm a suburban gentleman, not just an old PDG. So I broke out a clean pair of garden slacks before I went out to bring in the sheaves for supper. This included the first sweet potatoes of the season.

Aug. 23 Why should I have to go out and work every evening says I to myself as I donned my garden regalia. Gardening should have leisure time just for walking around and enjoying things. With this, I lit my pipe and began to walk. But Maggie met me in the back hall with a basket.

"We're out of potatoes," said she. "And bring in some more glad blooms, too."

Aug. 29 When the leaves on the flowering-quince hedge begin to fall, it is a sad day. When I came in for supper tonight, I could easily see David's car right through the hedge. That means that fall is on the way. Then there are strange birds around—migrants beginning to head south.

Aug. 30 Stopped at a seed store on way home and did note that Madonna lily bulbs are in. This is time to get such planted. Home, I hoed off some Canadian thistles in the back of a rose bed. Each whacking is supposed to weaken 'em. Mebbe by the time I'm old enough to grow whiskers, they'll give up the ghost.

Maggie sent me out to pick garden sass for supper. When I came back, I also had an armful of glad blooms

Aug. 31 Last June I told a visitor I was aiming to have the place all cleaned up and in apple-pie order by September. I've been working all summer toward that date.

I have labored and sweated—and rested only when the sun was hot. Yet the place is a long way from being cleaned up.

I could fill a whole page of my favorite home-and-garden magazine with a list of things I didn't get done this summer.

New kitchen units

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Lower part of cabinet doors pulls forward slightly, up and back to fit flat against upper section of cabinet—out of way. Top door swings out and down in same manner.

Note that the curved metal edge for fingerhold becomes an important part of the cabinet trim. Clever!

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Here is a striking color combination of teal-blue band and flowers of soft grays, brown, and yellow.

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Minuet is another lovely example of a modern pattern created to go well with all types of home furnishings.

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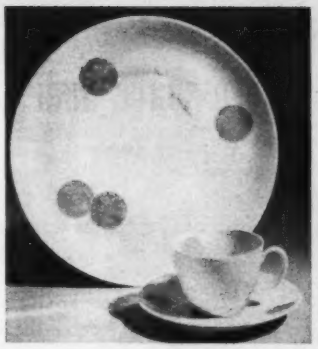

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The gold and silver circles on the white china were inspired by the coins from a far-off land of long ago.

This design looks well on any cloth.

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A new way to plan a house

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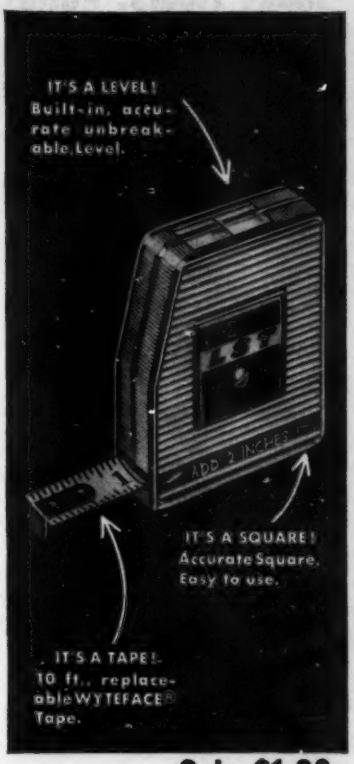

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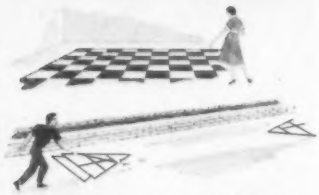

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More space under an old roof

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and dining rooms were converted to a combination bedroom and den, brightened by a picture window.

To take better advantage of their lot, a garage was added at the side of the house, increasing space for outdoor living. Instead of a space-wasting drive, the Clarkes now have a paved terrace for summer pleasure; it provides an attractive view for the big windows of the living room as well.

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New living room the Clarkes gained is located under the roof of the old carriage shelter. It has as one feature this handsome, simply designed fireplace and adjoining bookshelf unit. Note how mantel molding and hearth flagstones of the fireplace extend to end of the bookshelves to tie the whole design into a single, well-related whole

Coat closet near the front door provides a wall space exactly right for the piano. But note that closet stops short of the ceiling, so it does not block ventilation. Low partition and grill complete the entry hall. The two steps visible in the hall rise to the old section of the house, converted into the family's sleeping quarters and den

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More space under an old roof

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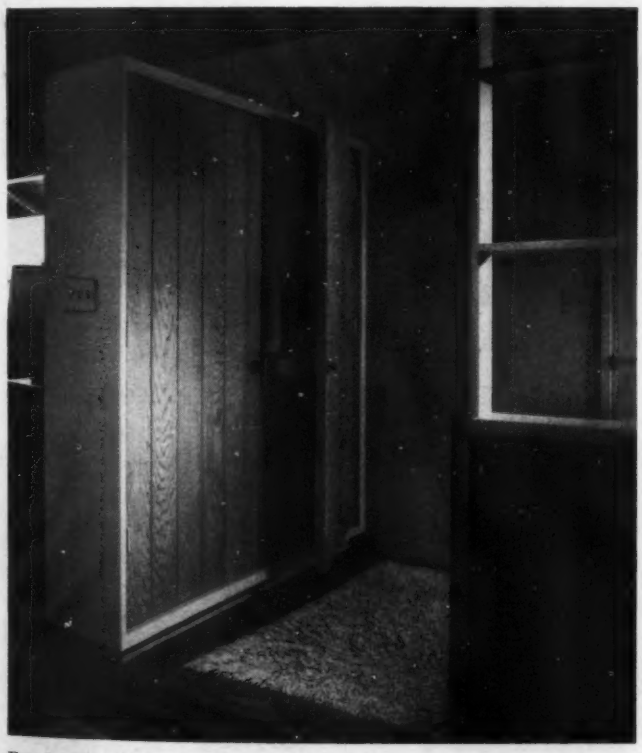
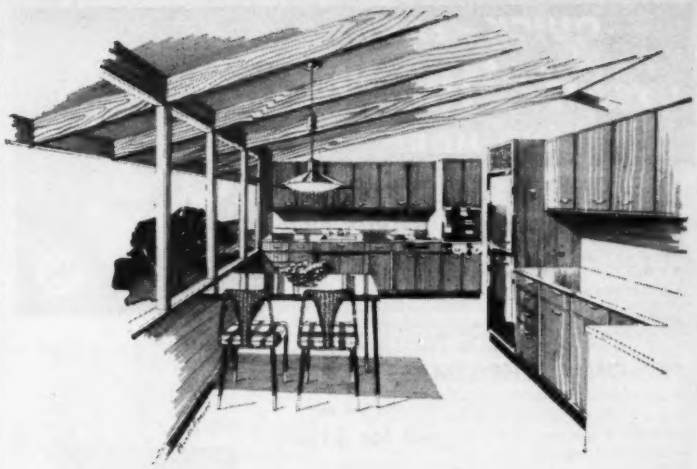
From the entry hall, you can see how floor-to-ceiling windows make the new terrace become a visual part of the living room. The big sliding glass door can be opened to make the terrace even more a part of the room when desired. Roof overhang protects room from too much sunlight; draperies can be drawn for seclusion at night



Faced with doors of natural redwood, this closet for outdoor wraps serves a double purpose in that it shields the living room visually from the front door. A free-standing unit like this could be added to most old houses .to solve storage problems. Addition increased floor area of Clarke home to 1,390 square feet, exclusive of garage



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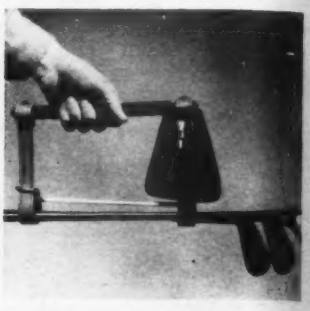

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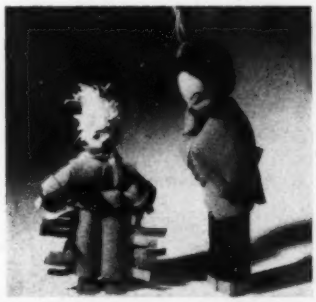

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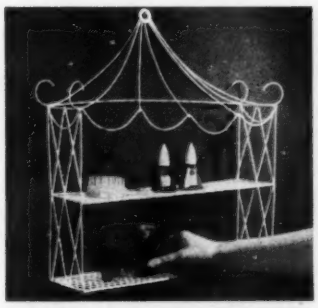

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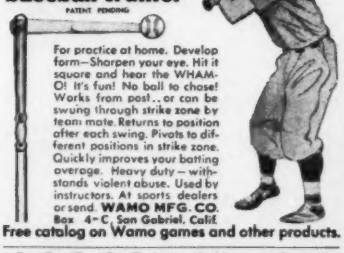

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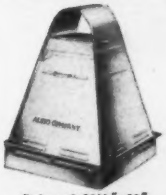

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The story back of your china

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French Garden is a delightful floral fantasy in lovely pastel colors on a fine white china.

Though romantic in feeling, it has been given a modern air by using the new coupe shape for the plates.

This china was designed by Marcel Vertes. With its whimsical flower faces it gives the feeling of an old-fashioned garden in full bloom.

Child objects to naps

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story or game before naps, the excursions to the kitchen, the giggling over shared jokes as I lay on the bed beside her—in these experiences we achieved a new closeness and understanding.

I know now that it's not so unusual for some 3-year-olds to want to stop taking naps. By the age of 4, more children than ever resist them. By 5, it is the rare child who still wants his nap. That leaves most of us parents with a going-off-naps problem sometime between the ages of 3 and 5.

How much sleep does the preschooler of 3 to 5 need? This varies greatly. We have to study our own children and act accordingly.

The average total amount of sleep required daily for these ages is about 12 hours, with the child just turned 3 probably needing more and the child going on 6 needing less. The nap for the 3-year-old who still sleeps in the daytime should be at least an hour.

Several times, I checked Sister's sleeping habits when she was 3. She averaged 12 hours out of the 24 pretty regularly. Apparently she wasn't short on sleep—naps or no naps. I suspect this is true of a lot of children. However, they still need extra rest.

Even now, though Little Sister is older, there are still summer days when I think it wise for her to rest some, rather than play in the heat. After an illness, I may want her to take rest periods till she regains her pep. Or, if we're going to be out late some evening, I may ask her to rest in the daytime to prepare for it.

Making resting fun provides the difference. It's the goal to keep in mind when a child goes off naps.

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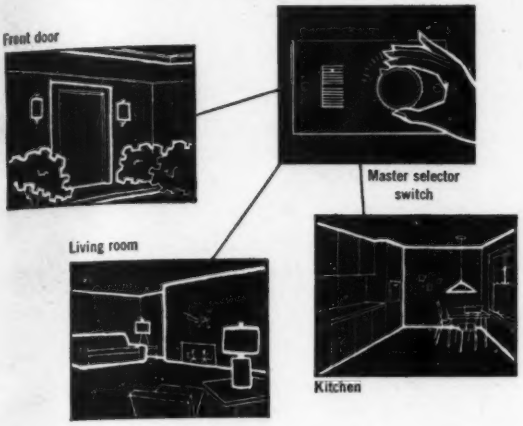

Remote, multicontrol, low-voltage switching system is a big title, but it's one of wiring's biggest advances. (Our long descriptive title is a composite of trade names for this new setup.) Each part of that name means something:

Switching system in this case means the room plate you touch activates an unseen switch, instead of you doing it by hand. When you click a conventional switch, it interrupts current flow to an outlet, or lets it resume. You're operating a sturdy electric gate capable of containing 110 volts. Wire heavy enough to carry this runs through switch.

The new switching system merely notifies relay, and switch you've selected is operated. To do this takes no more current than your doorbell—25 volts. That's why it's . . .

Low voltage. Advantages are obvious. Dangerous shock is impossible. Inexpensive wire no thicker than pencil lead is used instead of costly, pencil-thick wire in conventional systems. This wire's easy to draw through walls. It's inconspicuous enough to leave exposed along molding—like phone line. Fire hazard from animal gnawing or frayed line is greatly diminished. These cheaper wires, leading to a hidden bank of relay switches, make possible . . .

Multicontrol of individual outlets. To control a light from two points by conventional switching means two full 110-volt switches with doubled 110-volt wire between. Trying to control something like a lighting system from several parts of house with heavy wiring, three- or four-way switches would be quite expensive. Since you control from different points, it's easy to include a master . . .

Remote control for all the major electrical conveniences in and around the house. This is usually located in master bedroom (front hall seems second choice) where all lights can be securely turned off at night, or suddenly turned on. Other tricks that are possible from bed: controlling music, starting coffee in morning, prewarming bathroom heat unit.

When planning the electrical system of a new home or a remodeling project, turn to your local utility company for assistance. They're stocked with informative booklets, staffed with informed personnel. Both can give you plenty of advice—most of it for free. Their assistance can start you on the right track and save you time, money, and subsequent electrical worries.

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Don't try to prove to your wife that you've always been right about *everything*. Remember, when you proposed, you told her you knew you weren't good enough for her.

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In life as in a game, it's better to be a participant than an observer. Nicer, for instance, to give someone a break than to see him go broke.

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The Widow Weems came home 3 days early from her first trip to the seashore. "The waves were beautiful," she reported, "but I sort of missed the ones I get when you folks around here pass my house."

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This year, Fred Randolph and I took young Ralph Blye with us on our 4-day fishing jaunt to Canada. On the third evening, the phone rang, long distance. It was Ralph's bride of less than a year. "Let me talk, please," she requested, "to the man who said he couldn't live without me."

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Been trying to coach that little blonde at the office in winning her boy friend, but she's always a lesson ahead of me. "He asked me if I loved him," she confided jubilantly one morning after a date. "I told him yes and asked if he wanted to come back next week and try for the $64,000 question."

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Christine had to go out, so I did the dishes. Bill Norman walked by and saw me through the window, but he was too much of a gentleman to say anything. Just tipped his hat.

If you don't like someone, look around for something nice to do for him. The looking may open your eyes to his good points that you've been missing.

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Hardly any boy would be a problem child if his father would put his foot down now and then—on a spading fork, with the kid holding the bait can.

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To get Junior out of the back-yard hammock so she could sun-tan herself there, our Rosie, 16, pulled a fast one: Got her best chum to call on the phone and ask for him. But it wasn't as fast as she made it from the hammock to the clothesline when she saw Junior hanging her mother's 1926 skirted bathing suit among Rosie's shorts and halters for all the neighbors to behold.

The Bill Normans returned from their vacation last evening, and Bill made right for his garden to see how things were coming along. "Got any fresh vegetables?" Ned Preston and I asked him this morning. "Nope," he answered airily, "just fresh neighbors." Must have found those little red balloons we tied on his tomato plants.

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Blood-curdling yell at Doc Hannelly's house, so I dashed over. "He just read me his speech, 'Keep Calm and Live Longer'," his wife explained, "and I gave him a pat of approval on his sunburned shoulder."

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Lee will know he's to get his own dinner," Peggy Bayless said when we stopped for her. "I put his 'Do It Yourself' book on the kitchen table."

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"Make something of yourself if you want to climb high," Aunt Opal advised Junior Hillis. Rosie, 16, spoke up in her brother's behalf. "He does," she said. "He makes a monkey of himself."

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Under strict orders not to ask for a second helping at the girls' picnic in our yard, Junior got most of the cake, anyhow. Daubed some frosting on Taffy's nose and yelled: "Bad dog! Get out of there!"

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Just about this time every year, summer vacation begins to drag for our Judy, 10. "I get tired," she complains, "just sitting around waiting for nothing to happen."

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Grandma and Grandpa Hillis, already late, were halfway to the Town Hall lecture when Grandpa discovered he'd forgotten his necktie. So they didn't go. "But I heard a pretty good lecture, anyhow," he grinned.

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Judy Hillis, 10, came in madder than a hornet. The boys wouldn't let her in their back-yard ball game. "But I don't care," she declared, snaking out the garden hose, " 'cause it's going to rain."

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Hal Perkins is having a lot of fun telling folks how he avoided an operation. "Gave me a transfusion—my wife's blood," he explains, "and I talked them out of it."

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Vacationtime is in your heart when—with a ribbon of road before you, a wonderland ahead, you deem that here, at last, is all a human can long for, till from the back seat comes a voice: "Mom, may I have a peanut-butter sandwich?" . . . a deer leaps, lithe and sleek—and you are glad that he is free, in fetlock and in spirit . . . behind you is the chatter of young life out for a fling: your young, and hers beside you, to be with, joy with, share with, all the way.

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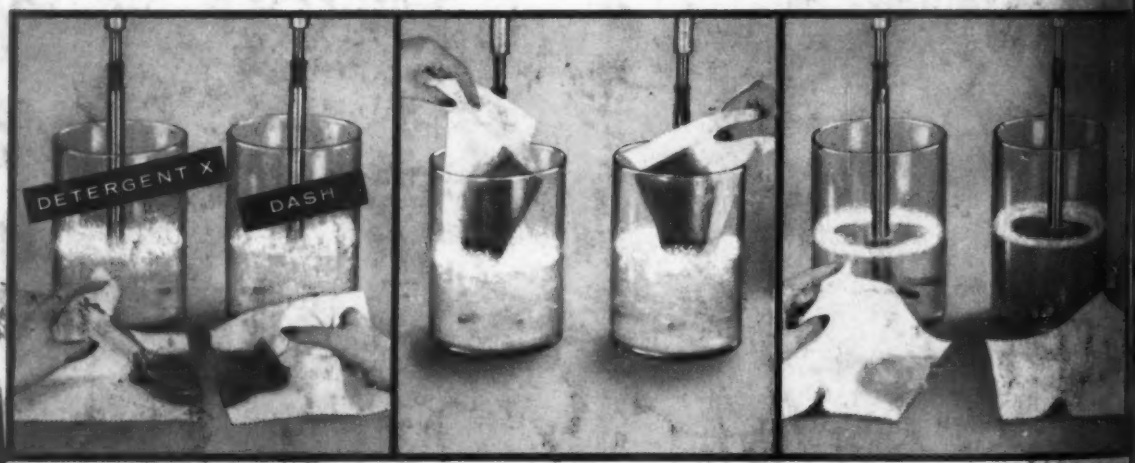

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